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# Jobs fallout sends Tories reeling

The government's own supporters joined the cry for changes in economic policy as the full impact of closures in the mining idustry announced on Monday became clear nd fears grew of worse to come

#### By Nicholas Wood and Philip Webster

HE government was under ounting pressure last night change its economic strateal's decision to close more an half the country's pits. Ministers faced demands im their own supporters for rect intervention to rescue omed collieries and for astic cuts in interest rates to

An unexpected fall in indusal output in August heighted the sense of gloom and less figures published today expected to provoke reved demands for a more ansionary economic policy m Norman Lamont, the ancellor, whose future was ain called into question by ry MPs. At the same time, building industry deliv-1 of the year. Its leaders said losses in the mining indusvere, they were dwarfed by jobless toll in the construci, industry. The govern-nt, beset economic body

Whitehall dampens hopes for summit

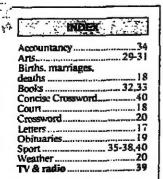
By Philip Webster POLITICAL

HOPES of tomorrow's Birmingham summit producing a breakthrough in the array of difficulties facing the European Comnunity were played down by the British government

British sources said that there was "no guarantee" of a declaration spelling out curbs on the powers of the European Commission and added that much vould have to wait until the Edinburgh summit meeting in December.

Senior ministers, howevagree broad guidelines on subsidiarity, the principle that decisions should be taken at the national level unless there are powerful reasons for them to be taken by the EC.

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blows, is braced for an outery over separate plans to axe thousands of jobs in the National Health Service with the closure of several London

The Times has been told that several leading housebuilding companies have stopped their donations to Conservative party funds in protest at interest rates sharply. Industry leaders expressed dismay yesterday that the government had not taken advantage of sterling's withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism to boost demand. They have held private talks this week with Michael Howard, the environment secre projects be spared in the public-spending squeeze.

Building employers fear that a clampdown will result in more jobs being lost and thousands more firms being gage tax relief ceiling be doubled to £60,000 for people moving over the next few months appears to have been

Michael Heseltine, Presi-dent of the Board of Trade, insisted last night that the government would not cave in. "We are not prepared to for growth in pursuit of popularity," he said. Tim Eggar, the energy minister, said there was no going back on the pit closures programme. "It is a completely unavoidable

With Labour warning that an additional 70,000 jobs could be lost in mining-related industries, angry union leaders threatened strikes unless the government changed its plans to cut 30,000 jobs. The National Union of Mineworkers decided to ballot its members on industrial action.

Arthur Scargill, its president, who led the 1984-5 strike against pit closures, said he had been vindicated and that he had the "overwhelming support" of the British public in fighting the closure of 31 of the remaining 50 pits.-He also said he had had a message of support from Nicholas Winterton, Conservarive MP for Macdesfield. Labour has asked the gov-

ernment for a statement on the closures on Monday, which will be followed by an emergency debate next week. It is expected to be held on Wednesday, a day already allotted to the Opposition. The TUC yesterday called



Pitted against job losses in the mining industry. Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, and Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, in London yesterday

# I don't remember them mentionin that at the Tory CONFERENCE, do you s HORE JOBLESS

an emergency meeting of its general council to discuss the decision. Norman Willis, the general secretary, said the manufacturing core of the country was "starting to melt" and he appealed to John Major to halt the pit closures. Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, predicted that the pit closures would be the

downfall of the government. Mr Heseltine scorned Mr Scargill's threats, saying a return to "wrecking tactics" could throw away the benefits Continued on page 3, col I

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# Even Major's supporters cry 'drift and weakness'

JOHN Major's cabinet will hold its weekly meeting this morning after the most bruising few weeks for the Tories since Margaret Thatcher was confronted by rising unem-ployment and inner city riots

The government is now being accused of drift and weak leadership by Tory supporters, including many leading businessmen, almost all national newspapers and many of its backbench MPs.

Mr Major and his cabinet are vulnerable because they have not offered any way out of the recession or the continuing wave of redundancies announced daily by leading companies. While emphasising the fight against inflation. ministers have not said when they expect recovery to begin and unemployment to stop rising. A further jump in the numbers out of work will be shown in figures due out later

this morning. The 30,000 redundancies announced by British Coal have, by their scale, symbolised dramatically the recent succession of job losses. The decision prompted an immediate outcry but the govern-

The Conservative government is vulnerable because it has not offered a way out of the recession or the continuing wave of redundancies, writes Peter Riddell, Political Editor

action over pit closures than by the gloomy economic outlook and dangers of social unrest. Unlike the recession of the early 1980s, the impact of the current downturn has been much greater in the Tory heartlands and on small businessmen who are the pillars of many constituency associations. Their discontent was reflected in the unprecedented rough ride the government

ment is less worried by the

threat of strikes and disruptive

cy at the Tory party conference in Brighton a week ago. Moreover, cutbacks in defence spending have resulted in the announcement of largescale redundancies by companies like British Aerospace with factories in Tory-held

was given over economic poli-

seats in the Southeast. Senior ministers are now saying privately that they ex-pect the next 18 months to be

the most testing since the early 1980s. The government faces a direct challenge over unemployment and the recession. It also has ahead of it a lengthy struggle to re-establish political and economic credibility after sterling's withdrawal

Exchequer. Mr Lamont's interim economic statement of a week ago and his appearance before the Treasury committee on Monday have failed to regain the initiative and the autumn economic statement is not due

for three or four weeks. However, the statement may not help since the new cabinet committee on public spending, which is holding its third meeting of the week today, is expected to decide on Continued on page 3, col 1

# Italy hints at doubt on

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ITALY appeared to cast doubt last night on its future involvebillion European Fighter Aircraft programme. A letter from Salvatore Ando, the defence minister, to the chief of staff of the Italian air force hinted at difficulties with funding the project. The letter referred to the

current freeze on new EFA development contracts and stated that the "hold-down" on costs would help the Italian defence establishment to carry out a "fuller evaluation of investment possibilities in the light of available funds".

Germany has already with drawn from the production phase of EFA and Britain is counting on Spain and Italy to

# Judge criticised

sident of the High Court Family Division, to order a 30-year-old woman to undergo a caesarean section in an attempt to save the life of her unborn child was criticised yesterday by doctors and lawvers who said it undermined the rights of women over their

lan Kennedy, professor of

THE decision by Sir Stephen medical law and ethics at Kings College, London, and the country's leading expert. described it as an "epochmaking" decision. "It has massive implications for the status of women in regarding them as chattels and ambulatory wombs. It is so potentially intrusive as to reduce women back to the status of slaves"....



# State Department trawled UK for anti-Clinton material

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AL Gore, the Democrats' vicepresidential nominee, yester-day accused the Bush campaign of carrying its "hateful" McCarthyite tactics to new extremes by ordering the US Embassy in London to dig for dirt on Bill Clinton's activities while an Oxford student 23 years ago.

The charge, strenuously de-nied by the White House, followed the disclosure that the State Department on September 30 instructed the Grosvenor Square embassy to search for any files it had on Mr Clinton, including documents on his draft status and citizenship. That was followed the next day by a personal telephone call from Elizabeth Tamposi, the assistant secretary of state for consular affairs, to Norbert Krieg, the embassy's consul general,

emphasising that the search should be "extremely thorough

Mr Clinton took part in anti-Vietnam war demonstrations outside the Embassy in 1969 and later that year visited Moscow. There have also been unsubstantiated rumours, denied by Mr Clinton, that he considered adopting British citizenship to avoid the

Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, yesterday insisted that the instructions had been issued simply in order to comply with requests made by several American news organisations under the Freedom of Information Act. Dan Quayle, the vice-presi-dent, said the search had "nothing to do with the



Clinton: investigated by London embassy

ministration's story "doesn't wash". He said instructing government officials to "rummage through all of their files to see if they can pick up some personal titbit about Bill Clinton" was an unprecedented "abuse of power" that smacked of a police state.

#### **Rostov Ripper** found guilty **EFA** project dubbed the "Rostov Ripper"

after a series of killings in which he ate parts of his victims, was found guilty yes-terday of 52 marders by a

He sat in a metal cage in the court as the judge ruled that he was sane when he raped and killed boys, girls and young women and escaped 1978 and 1990. He seems likely to face the death penalty when sentenced, probably today Page 12

Hughes goal boosts Wales

Mark Hughes last night scored his first international goal in two years to beat the part-timers of Cyprus in a World Cup qualifying match in Limassol and boost Welsh hopes of reaching the 1994 finals in the United

court in southern Russia.

# 999 call answered by a recording

A man who dialled 999 when his father was choking to death was put through to an answering machine, an inquest was told vesterday. The Westminster coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, recorded a verdict of accidental death on Roderick Bell, 86, who choked on a piece of food as he dined with his son, David, 46, at the father's flat in Paddington, north London, on September 3.

London Ambulance Service's control room manager, Russell Mansford, said four staff had been on sick leave. He admitted that a three-minute wait for the call to be answered was unacceptable but said the arrival time for the paramedic crew. 14 minutes, was within standards.

#### Yard IRA admission

Scotland Yard's intelligence on IRA operations is still poor almost a year after a leaked police report admitted that it had little material on terrorist operations, says John Howley, the deputy assistant commissioner in charge of the Yard's Special Branchandanti-terrorist branch. Mr Howley was interviewed for tonight's This Week programme on Thames TV. after a week in which the IRA has exploded eight bombs in London, killing one man. He claims that the Yard was one of the targets for five huge bombs planned for important sites. The IRA unit responsible was stalked by police this summer but escaped 24 hours before the bombs were to be set, he said. The explosive was recovered.

#### Opera masterpiece sale

A complete music manuscript by a master of nineteenth century Italian opera will go on sale at Sotheby's in December to raise funds for the beleaguered Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. It is hoped that the document, autographed by Domzetti and discovered by chance wrapped in old paper in the depths of the opera house library, will fetch up to £150,000. The extraordinary find fills a significant gap in musical history. The opera house has a deficit of £3.6 million and is seeking every means to pay off pressing debts. This is the first time it has sold such a masterpiece from its music library. Donizetti worked on the opera, Elizabetta, from 1827 until at least 1840.

#### **Shrinking Glasgow**

Glasgow now belongs to only 637,949 people, down from almost a million 20 years ago, but it is still over 235,000 ahead of Edinburgh. The figures from last year's census, disclosed yesterday, showed that there were 4.998,567 people resident in Scotland. Dr Charles Glennie, the registrar general, believes there was undercounting, however, and estimates that Scotland's population was 5.1 million in mid-1991. Only 68.4 per cent of people in the Western Isles could speak Gaelic last year, a fall of over 11 per cent since 1981. In the past ten years, Highland, Grampian and Borders regions have grown fastest. The biggest popula-tion falls were in Strathclyde, Shetland and the islands.

#### Assault over mud hut

A man lashed out at policemen when council workers began to pull down a mud hut that his wife had built in their back garden, a court was told. Philipe Ntolo, 28, of Dagenham, east London, was conditionally discharged for a year by Redbridge magistrates after admitting assault. He was ordered to pay a total of £175 compensation to PC Paul Sullivan and PC Michael Lambert. The incident happened on September 23 when police and Redbridge council officials went to remove the roof of the 54ft hut.

# Scargill urges strike ballot and pit protests

BY NICHOLAS WATT

ARTHUR Scargill yesterday urged miners and their families to demonstrate at pits threatened with closure. He called for a ballot on strike action over the senseless slaughter of a valuable, indigenous asser".

Under the government's plans, announced on Tuesday, 27 pits will close, four will be mothballed and 30,000 miners will be made redundant. Mr Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, said: "This round of closures smacks of total vindictiveness on the part of this government. It has got to

Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, told miners not to resort to wrecking tactics that would their redundancy package. "We have provided a

scheme to help people," he said. There is no point in helping to throw away the benefits of that scheme by fighting a cause that is already resolved

The Labour party claimed vesterday that the closures vould lead to more than 100,000 job losses. Robin Cook, the party's trade spokesman, said that there must be a campaign to turn the nation's "disbelief" at the scale of the job losses into an appeal to the

Mr Scargill said from the steps of the Trades Union Congress headquarters in London, where the union's ecutive met yesterday, that British Coal had broken every piece of trust and that its record was deplorable. "There is no economic basis for this pit closure programme." Claiming that he had support from Tory MPs, Mr Scargill said: "British deepmined coal is the cheapest in the world, 350 per cent cheaper than nuclear power, 30 per cent cheaper than gas, and 30 per cent cheaper than heavily subsidised imported coal. The cost of the closure programme will be £2.1 billion, with an additional ongoing cost of £2.5 billion, all of which could

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be saved if Britain's energy needs were met by Britain's efficient. indigenous coal

industry."
Public support was so strong that people should be allowed a referendum on the closures, he said. "We are convinced that we would win the overwhelming support of the British people ... I am fully vindicated in what I have been

Jim Dowling, a member of the union's executive, said: We have to broaden the campaign. What we are saying is, give us some help. Let's

all get on the streets or let's all

Peter McNestry, general secretary of Nacods, the pit supervisors' union, said that thousands more mining jobs could be lost. "The government has not mentioned the men who do development work and salvage work underground.

The NUM executive also met leaders of the main railway unions, who condemned the pit closures and agreed to lobby Parliament. Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the Rail Maritime and Transport Workers Union, said that 5,500 railway jobs were

saying and the only surprise is that the media is now support-would not rule out industrial action and said he had asked for an urgent meeting with British Rail "to assess the

implications" for rail jobs. Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said that he doubted the legality of the government's decision. Calling for an emergency meeting of the TUC general council, he said that the government looked like "frightened rabbits stuck in the headlights of an oncoming car". He added: "We must have a pause ... on. pit closures. The core of British manufacturing industry has

been run down over the past years, weeks and days." He said that all the people who had telephoned the TUC to pledge their support should pester John Major instead. "I appeal to people to stop phon-ing the TUC and to start telephoning the prime minister and Tory MPs. We cannot get on with our work because of the number of calls we are

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receiving."

Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover and a former miner, who sat in on the meetings, predicted a harsh winter ahead for the government. "With this government being so fragile, it is not like 1984 when we were fighting a strong power base. I think it could well be a winter of discontent that could make 1979 look like a tea party."

When an evangelical preacher said: "May the Lord he with you." Mr Skinner retorted: "We've got the bishops of Durham and Sheffield on our side. I don't think we have Him on our side yet but we may do because this is a great moral battle."

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#### A man's dream puts 110 in work

BY RAY CLANCY

THE windows at Monktonhall colliery in Midlothian. Scotland, are boarded up. But the pit, mothballed by British Coal in 1988, is working again. After years of tricky negotiations with British Coal a consortium of miners was handed the keys in June to lease the pit.

Since then thousands of tons of coal have been brought to the surface, a canteen has opened for the 110 workers and

Jim Parker, managing director of Monktonhall Mine Workers Ltd. the company running the pit, remembers working there when the first shaft was sunk in the 1950s. He hopes soon to double the number of workers to 200 but the maximum is likely to be no more than 500, compared to 2,300 in the pit's beyday. The fact that 110 are

working at all is due to Mr Parker's determination and guts. For 30 years he has dreamed of running a colliery efficiently.

Back in the 1960s he realised that British Coal was heading for disaster. "Mines are shut down supposedly because they not the case. The problem is the way that British Coal has been allowed to run them with too many men. The politicians are to blame," Mr Parker said.

Monktonhall will never again provide jobs for thousands. The community has fragmented. But there is still a lot of optimism. What has happened at Monktonhall is regarded by many as a blueprint for the future of coalmining in Britain.



Brave notes: the world-famous Grimethorpe colliery brass band, which is facing an uncertain future, rehearsing for the national brass band finals at the Albert Hall this weekend. The pit closures announced this week mean that 19 members of the 28-strong band will lose their pit jobs at the end of the month. If they move away from the area in search of new employment the band may fold. While one of its most famous conductors, Elgar Howarth, rallies other leading figures in the brass band world in an effort to prevent the band's collapse, the Grimethorpe secretary, Ken Hirst, was putting on a brave face yesterday. "I am determined to make sure that the band stays together one way or another. We are going out there on Saturday to win that trophy for all miners who are losing their jobs," he said.

# Colliers' hopes plummet in the town without jobs

By PAUL WILKINSON seen it all before. In the

WHEN the first of the 940 redundant miners from the Vane Tempest pit at Seaham, Co Durham, check in at the ob centre next week they will find just 13 local vacancies awaiting them. Five are for egistered nurses.

In a town where unemployment is so high there are 100 applicants for every job, working on the staff of the many old people's homes on the town's unlovely seafront seems to be the only boom industry

After the mine closes next Friday taxi driving will be the biggest single employment. Steve Allen, 36, married with three young children, bailed out early from Vane Tempest two years ago when British Coal started making noises about its poor performance. Even then taxi driving was the only prospect for work locally.

It was leave Seaham or get a job on the taxis," he said. "I can just about get by, but Seaham doesn't need another 900 taxi drivers. Unfortunately that will be the only choice for the majority of men made

Durham car dealers have

Eighties when British Steel closed its works not far away at Consett, sales of new cars rocketed as the steelmen spent redundancy money on their first new car. Six months later when the cash was gone, taking a mini cab to town was cheaper than the buses and prices for almost new cars were at rock bottom.

Seaham has seen the writing on the wall for some time.

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Two neighbouring collieries closed last year and the local branch of the NUM was told last June that Vane's thin seams and geologically unreliable reserves made closure

Its shafts run up to six miles out to sea and miners can waste up to an hour reaching the face on slow-moving "land riders". Drilling to locate new reserves at sea costs up to £1 million a borehole.

ordered for next Friday has shattered them. Joe Robson, the NUM

branch secretary, has spent 30 years at the mine. He is the fifth generation of his family to work in Vane Tempest and his great grandfather was the first union secretary. "I am totally numb, it has

come so quickly." he said. Tough men have wept and the sadness will continue because the heart has been ripped out of Seaham." Roy Neville, who runs an electrical shop in the town, predicts a Christmas spending bonanza followed by total depression.

"It would be a brave man who would say there would be no further job losses in the town. Once the money has been spent there will be no work for anyone and more

jobs must go."
Next week British Coal launches a programme of counselling for its redundant workforce, giving advice on its retraining schemes and assistance in the search for new jobs. But there are few in Seaham who are confident of

#### People had hoped that the axe would not fall until next a regular wage packet by Lost tribe trapped in valley of death

THE flat patch of land, at the top of the valley, is now completely grassed over and, as you look around, you person. Down below is a chuckling river and further up the valley a trout-filled

It is difficult to believe that Maerdy colliery, a huge, filthy mine with broken windows. stood on this spot only three years ago. This was the last pit in the famous Rhondda Valley, which became the centre of attention during the min-ers' strike of 1984 but was closed soon after.

The mineshaft has been filled in and all traces of it erased from the landscape. Down the valley, towards the small village, are the signs of a community which is on its knees and dying fast. The huge Welfare Hall, once the burning centre of the community - boasting an impressive Markist library — is broken-jawed, with holes in the roof. After many breakins the main door is now of cast-iron, and the one-armed bandit, repeatedly robbed, is in an iron cage. The library has long gone and the talk is that the hall, run at a loss, will soon be closed.

Coloured alarm boxes are sprouting all along the faces of the curving terraces. Only some ten years ago this village was virtually crime free. Now,

Tom Davies, author of the novel Black Sunlight, finds only despair and broken pride where there was once a community

some elderly women, such as Dilys Evans of Ceridwen Street, now sleep on sofas pushed up against their front door. Housewives lock their front doors when they clean upstairs. Other women have lain in bed at night listening to burglars scuffling around like rats downstairs but are too afraid to confront them. In one burglary they not only made off with the carpet but the guard dog too.

All the windows of the old police station have been smashed and the inside vandalised. Roof tiles are routinely stolen. The church has been broken into and the bells taken. The windows of all the shops are grilled.

One place doing a roaring trade is the doctors' surgery the only modern, purpose-built building in Maerdy. Although they might have to wait two or three weeks for an appointment, men and women throng, seeking relief from depression. Old miners sit around in the waiting room, kneading their chests and fighting for breath, wonhighest premature death rates in Europe. The main killers are cancer, heart attacks, hyper-tension and res-piratory diseases caused by lung infections. Such political leadership as

these people had has long gone, more interested in EC jobs in Brussels. Once, the church and chapels would have given moral guidance to a beleaguered community. Now they have become empty shells. The mighty chapel and socialist movements created these people but now they are a lost and wandering tribe,

believing in little more than drink and television. By night barely anything moves in Macrdy's streets except the skinheads who gather in the luminous glow of the chip shop and the newspapers which are blown around by the wind. There is

A few skinheads break off from the group to kick a tin can up the pavement before stopping to turn around and kick it back again. Often they

electronic gunfire from a vid-

sniff give and urinate in doorways. The elderly shake their heads and worry what to do about it. The younger ones shake their heads too but their video that's stolen.

Later in the night the sound of the bingo caller carries out of the Welfare Hall, as, all along the terraces, the flickering blue lights of the televisions dance in the foaming lace curtains of the front windows. Heads and eyes sit spellbound behind locked and double-locked doors.

These people of Maerdy are dying in a long, hard season of crime, poverty and fear. Since the pit closed they have lost everything. They have lost their wealth, their health, their faith, their jobs and, most important of all, their dignity. They do not have a single thing going for them. You just know, deep in your heart, that if the Coal Board could have grassed them over, along with their pit, and forgotten about them too, it

would have done so in a flash. Meanwhile my people sit bewitched by their televisions as the dogs of lawlessness howl outside every home. They drink too much and their marriages are breaking down. Only their depression and confusion reminds them that they are still alive as they



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# **Building industry** predicts 120,000 more workers to go

Construction chiefs say only a cut in interest rates can avert a countrywide escalation of unemployment

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

THE government's troubles as a result of pit closures are about to be compounded by figures showing that some 120,000 jobs will be lost in construction this year and that the housing market is in freefall, building industry leaders

warned last night.
Ministers are also bracing themselves for the loss of thousands of jobs in the health service after the publication of the Tomlinson report on London hospital services.

The House Builders' Federation's latest survey on activity in the housing market shows a near 50 per cent drop in activity in the new homes market on last year. The Building Employers' Confed-eration is predicting that some 50,000 jobs - nearly twice the number that will go in the mining industry — will be lost in the industry between June and the end of this year. An average of 580 construction jobs have been lost on every single working day for the three years between June 1989 and June 1992.

The figures are being cited by building industry leaders as they try to put the pressure on the government to make a substantial cut in interest rates, taking advantage of Britain's withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism. The federation, attempting to "expose the quack objections

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to lower interest rates", is trying to counter the govern-ment's argument that they will rekindle inflation.

It says the claim that renewed inflation is inevitable overlooks the current economic realities. The slackness in the housing market and the economy in general leaves



considerable room to increase activity and to permit growth without any significant price effects for some time, it says. David Holliday, president of the House Builders' Federation, said the industry, which had suffered a "dire" five

er £25 billion. Robin Cook, shadow trade and industry spokesman, said that thousands more jobs would go on top of the 30,000 already announced, in directly related areas such as private contractors working in maintenance and firms making mining equipment. In addition, 10,000 rail freight jobs and those of 5,000 lorry drivers were likely to be axed, as well as 5,000 jobs from

would be £675 million in addition to the £1.5 billion in

Britain to ransom. redundancy money Peter Hain, MP for Neath Some of the most savage and secretary of the Tribune group of Labour MPs, said the party and the TUC should back any campaign of active resistance: "The labour movement cannot take this savage attack lying down. If miners and others, such as rail workers facing privatisation and those in the public sector facing a pay freeze, take united action, then Labour and the cargill call, page 2 TUC should stand alongside

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Flying visit: Mr Heseltine touring the Westland factory in Yeovil yesterday. where he avoided a barrage of questions about pit closures

# Companies told to save themselves

By KATE ALDERSON

MICHAEL Heseltine, the trade board president, had little joy to offer Britain's business leaders yesterday when he told them to "go back to the drawing board" to try to increase Britain's competi-

Addressing more than 800 delegates at the annual con-ference of the Small Business Bureau in Surrey, he said: You have been beaten about.

Life is tough,
"I won't spell out the
harsher manifestations of what that means in terms of creditors and bank managers. because I know what that experience is like. And yet I am standing before you as a minister and saying, 'Look, you have got to go back to the drawing board, you have got to look at the costs again and you have got to contain infla-

He added: "I have no choice but to say it, because there is no room for complacency." Many of the business lead-

ers present had been expecting an announcement of policy designed to revive the economy. Mr Heseltine said that he recognised the myriad of problems facing small businesses, but said: There is a very clear point beyond which government cannot go in helping you with problems. And there is a point beyond which you do not want government to go in helping you with your problems, because in the end being in business is down to you. Success or failure starts and ends here."

He hit out at requests for increased state help. "What my department would never be is a sort of cosy soft option for the people who have got problems, the people who come along and think they are going to pick up a bit of cash or they are going to be able to persuade us to give a bit of a

He said that this helped no one and simply used up scarce resources "to prop up the weak for a little longer.

Britain was living through the trauma of international

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recession, he said, and added that there was "no escape from it. except to keep our nerve and to pursue the policies on which recovery depends".

These policies. Mr Heseltine said, included low-ering the price further of British goods for export, increasing exports, and for bigger companies to help smaller companies to become successful and to continue the fight against inflation.

He also announced the setting up of 50 "one-stop shops" throughout Britain which will provide advice and help for businesses under one

Delegates welcomed this initiative but expressed disappointment that towns and cities would have to compete for funding to establish the

Mr Heseltine praised Japanese management and asked business people to look at their methods and open up dialogue with workers.

# Jobs fallout sends **Tories reeling**

Continued from page 1 of the redundancy package for miners, which is worth up to £37.000 a head

in another blow to the government, Ford announced that it was stopping produc-tion of its Transit van in Southampton for a week because of falling sales. The main worry for the prime minister and his cabinet colleagues was, however, the

Tory hostility to the closures. Lord Ridley of Liddesdale, the former cabinet minister. said that the country was on than that in the 1930s, and Sir Rhodes Boyson, another former minister, called for a 4 per cent cut in lending rates.

Cabinet ministers replied

that the recession was worldwide and they were trying to ease the suffering. Tony Newton, the Commons leader, hinted at modest rate cuts soon by pointing to the 6 per cent fall over the past two years. "The direction the government has been seeking to move has been clear from what it has said and from what it has done," he said on

From the centre-left of the party, Winston Churchill, MP for Davyhulme, and Elizabeth Peacock, MP for Batley and Spen, appealed to Mr Hesehine to halt the pit clo-sures. Mr Churchill wrote expressing his "grave alarm" at the government's decision to rubber-stamp the closures. He said it made no sense economically because it would cost the taxpayer far more to make the miners unemployed than to keep them in work. Mrs Peacock said she opposed to closures because a dependence on imported coal would allow other countries to hold

criticism came from John Car-1 lisle, Tory MP for Luton North. He said he could no longer go on telling hundreds of constituents facing unemployment over the next few months to bite the bullet. The situation was immediate and desperate and demanded immediate and desperate action.

coal-fired power stations. Frank Dobson, shadow employment secretary, released a list of 61 mining equipment companies where jobs were threatened as a result of the pit closures. The firms are based throughout the country in areas such as Basingstoke, Gloucester, Worcester, Rugby and Chippenham, well outside mining communities. Every unemployed person cost £9,000 in benefits and unpaid taxes, said Mr Dobson. The total extra cost to the taxpayer, including related job losses,

most critically, the £2 billion

Meanwhile Labour has

jobs are likely to be axed as a

result of the rundown of the

coal industry, adding £675

million to an unemployment

bill already costing the taxpay-

Redundancy payouts create financial trap for the unwary

By LIN JENKINS

THE prospect of another job for redundant miners is at best poor and often nonexistent. But there are plenty of individuals and organsations offering help, some of whom do not have the miners'

interests at heart. British Coal Enterprises (BCE) restricts its role to enticing new employers to the coalfields and helping former miners to retrain and find work. The "self-help" package it gives to those laid off contains a video cassette, audio tape and handbook with advice on retraining. looking for work and the best way to conduct oneself at an interview. fails to mention financial

Research over the past two years around Doncaster has identified numerous financial problems for redundant miners. Bella Dix, of Sheffield AFTERMATH

Hallam University, says that many took the advice to pay off their mortgages and now find that they cannot sell their homes and move away. "They are also extremely vulnerable to loan sharks. It is not unusual to find them paying 40 to 50 per cent interest." Others tried not to touch their redundancy money. but to put it in savings. "They nd that after a year they had to spend it since they cannot get the dole or income

support if they have savings over £3,000," she said. The research, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, is not yet complete, but initial findings suggest that poor financial management is at the root of many problems

# Supporters cry drift

Continued from page 1 big cutbacks on spending in sensitive areas, including social security and training, as well as a virtual freeze on public-sector pay. Ministers are braced for strikes in the public sector as a result of the freeze and curbacks.

The government's other

headaches are the ratification

of the Maastricht treaty and

the introduction of the council

tax and the system of com-munity care from April. Each threatens bad headlines for Mr Major, and probably bad results in local council elections in May and in any parliamentary by elections.

Faced by this gloom, however er, the main consolation for Mr Major, as one Labour leader acknowledged yesterday, is that a general election could still be 4 2 years away.

encountered by those who lost their livelihoods

them - on picket lines if

"It is important to realise the trap of the redundancy payment. It really creates as many problems as it solves." Roland Stevenson, a miner

straight from school 24 years

ago who took the Coal Board's offer of college study, became a manager and then joined BCE when his pit closed three years ago. He is now northern and Scotland regional manager of BCE. He said that many ex-miners had come from a sheltered background and that financial advice was strange to them.
"With up to £40,000 in a lump for the first time in their lives, they are likely to believe what they are told or promised."

Steve Fothergill, director of the Coalfield Communities Campaign, representing 92 local authorities in the coaland Wales, believes that BCE

should extend its role to cover proper financial advice. The problems of creating work, or finding miners jobs is huge. Even where they do succeed, it often simply means there is a labour market displacement and younger people without experience and a work record find themselves jobless as the work has gone to ex-miners. For many laid off, the best help would be proper advice on what to do with their money."



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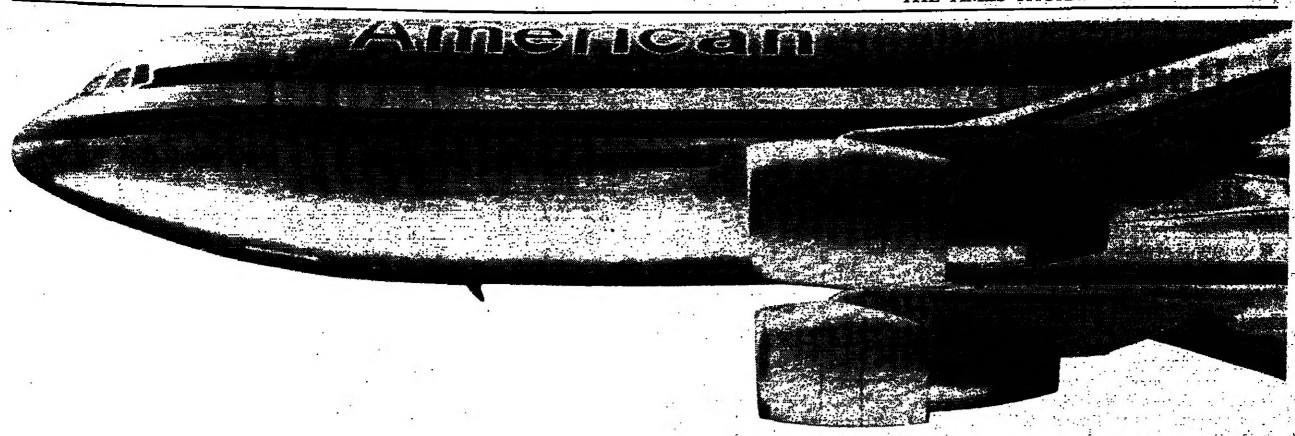
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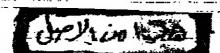
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Cameras will trap

speeding drivers

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

A NETWORK of speed cam-

eras, designed to boost the number of prosecutions of motorists who drive too quickly, will be inaugurated by Steven Norris, transport

Steven Norris. transport under-secretary, in London

today.

The new cameras, which eventually will be introduced throughout Britain, have been

set up at the capital's worst

blackspots to reduce accidents by encouraging drivers to slow

Under the provisions of the

Road Traffic Act, which be-came effective in July, speed-

ing motorists can now be

prosecuted on the basis of

camera evidence alone. Previ-

ously, camera evidence was acceptable in court only when

accompanied by the testimony

Electronic road sensors measure the time taken for a

vehicle to travel between them.

If the speed is too fast, this

triggers the carnera which

then takes pictures of the registration number.

A £40 fixed penalty notice is

then sent out to the registered

owner of the vehicle, who is

required by law to pay the fine

or name the driver. Failure to

do either could result in a court

of a police officer.

identified. The cameras, which reflect a rowing reliance on electronic technology to regulate driver behaviour, are being intro-duced because of an evident decline in driving standards.

Transport officials are confident that they will help cut speed-related accidents. Welcoming the introduction

appearance, a maximum pen-alty of £1,000, discretionary disqualification or three penalty points.

Like the cameras used to prosecute motorists who jump traffic lights, speed cameras can be moved from one black-

spot to another. The police also intend to use dummy cameras so that motorists can

never be sure where cameras

are operating. Signs warning that speed carneras are in operation will be installed

near each camera, although

individual cameras will not be

of the new technology, an AA spokesman said the initiative had its complete backing, after confirmation by the Home Office that the police would cross-check details of colour, make and model with a vehide's registration document before issuing a fixed penalty

# Caesarean decision 'reduces women to walking wombs'

The debate over a woman's right to control her body has been reignited by a decision ordering a caesarean section

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

necessary to save the baby, even though the anaesthetic

was likely to kill the mother.

The court ruled that the opera-

tion should go ahead but the baby survived only two hours.

The ruling was later over-turned, Professor Kennedy

The British Medical Associ-ation said that it was confused

by the case because "it appears

that the refusal of treatment

even by a mentally competent individual can be disallowed". The Medical Defence

Union, the doctors' defence

body, said that it would always

stand behind a doctor who

chose to intervene to save life,

provided that the patient had been given enough informa-tion to make a reasoned

A JUDGE'S decision to order a woman to have a caesarean operation in an attempt to save the life of her unborn child was criticised by doctors and lawyers yesterday who said that it undermined the rights of women over their

lan Kennedy, professor of medical law and ethics at King's College London, and the country's leading expert on law and medicine, described it as an "epoch-making" decision for pregnant women. "It has massive implications for the status of women, in re-garding them as chattels and ambulatory wombs," he said.
"It is so potentially intrusive as to reduce women back to the

Joe Jordan, consultant obstetrician at Birmingham and Midland Women's hospital and spokesman for the Royal College of Obstetricians, said that the judgment was bound to raise concern. "Are we now looking at the possibility of mothers being forced to have medical interventions in the interests of their babies?" he aid. What about mothers who jeopardise the health of heir babies in other ways: by moking, for example."

The unnamed 30-year-old voman underwent the operaion at a London hospital on Monday after Sir Stephen 3rown, president of the High Court family division, gave turgeons permission to go shead following an emergeny hearing in the High Court.
The baby died but the nother survived, although she

Triad oath

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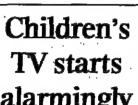
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is in a serious condition. When admitted to hospital, she had cuptured membranes and was in labour. The baby was lying. transversely in her womb in a position that made it impossible to deliver. The surgeons said that her plight, and that of her unborn child, were desparate and a caesarean was their only hope. The woman, a mother of two and a "bom-again" Christian, objected to the operation on religious grounds, although these were

not spelt out. Because of the urgency of the case, Sir Stephen made his decision after a hearing lasting 22 minutes. Professor Kennedy, who described the judgment as ill-considered, said it was unfortunate that it

was made without a debate. The issue to be decided was how far the courts should go in seeking to control the behav-iour of pregnant women by saying that they should not smoke, drink or otherwise behave in ways that might damage the foetus. "We can have a moral debate about that, but the law should keep out of it," he said.

In America, drug addict mothers in some states have been jailed for three months before their babies are due to ensure that they are born drug-free. In about 50 cases, by the courts to save the foetus, against the mother's wishes In one case a mother terminally ill with cancer wanted to have her baby naturally so that she could hold it before she died, but her obstetrician ar-



PLOT to shoot a Hong ong businessman in ondondon' Chinatown durig an alleged Chinese Triads ower struggle nearly failed hen the gunman lost his erve at the last moment, an ld Bailey jury was told

But the gunman, Wat Her heung, decided to be loyal to the oath he had taken to the hui Fong Triads and shot am Ying Kit twice in the pine at close range, Martin teslop said for the rosecution.

The prosecution alleges that Ar Lam was believed to be nvolved in an attempt a to ake over the leadership of the thui Fong Triads in Britain. The prosecution alleges that ix Chinese plotted the shooting. The six, Wai Ming Tang, of Astley, Manchester, Shui heung Wan, of Holloway, north London, Tak Kam Thow, of Southgate, north ondon, Chong Chi Chan, of lighfields, near Sheffield, Nai Yuen Liu, of Southampon and Wai Wan Ho, 41, of Maida Vale, northwest ondon, deny conspiracy to nilict grievous bodily harm. The case continues today.

alarmingly

YOUNG viewers will get a wake-up call at 7:30 each weekday morning with a special programme called Alarm Alert on GMTV, which re-places TV-am as the ITV breakfast licencee on January I (Melinda Wittstock writes).

Alarm Alert will keep child-

with the latest news about soaps, pop stars, fashions toys, computer games and films for ten minutes each weekday morning. During half-term and school holidays, children will also get a "lively, anarchic programme" be-tween 8:50am and 9:25am called it's NOT!

Saturday morning viewing will begin with a magazine programme from 6am to 7:30am called Rise and Shine, which will feature the wildlife series Bush School, the puppet series Rosie and Jim and the cartoons Muppet Babies and Ric. This will be followed by Saturday Disney and, at 8:55am. Teen Win Lose or Draw.

There will be entertainment for toddlers on Sunday mornings from 6:30 until 7:30am and then more cartoons at 8:50am.

# **Coronation Street** 'is relic of 1950s'

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE television soap opera Coronation Street is a relic of the Macmillan era and bears little resemblance to modern society, Lord Rees-Moge, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, said yesterday.

Launching the council's working paper on the por-trayal of ethnic minorities on television, Lord Rees-Mogg said that the show did not have enough blacks or Asians in it. "Most people prefer the past to the present, but perhaps one day the street will be visited by the type of people who would now actually live there," he said. "Coronation Street is living in the Harold Macmillan era and, although we would all pre-fer to have him as prime minister, unfortunately he is no longer available."

Newer soaps, such as EastEnders, were likely to have a more representative ethnic mix. he said. Although programme-makers were becoming more conscious of avoiding racial

stereotypes, change would not come until ethnic minorities were given the chance to climb the broadcasting ladder.

The working paper found that most British viewers hold stereotypical views about the sort of television roles for which people from different ethnie groups would be suited. Respondents were given 42 photographs depicting characters of all ages and ethnic origins, and a list of seven roles, and asked whether any characters would seem out of place in a role. Over half the nonwhite characters were considered inappropriate to present a documentary about rural England.

☐ Blacks, Asians and other ethnic minorities account for 5.9 per cent of the population of Greater Manchester, according to the city council. In Salford. where Coronation Street is set, they account for 2.2 per

John Foster the team lead- moving." Mr. Foster said.



In better shape: a 157ft-long relief map of Scotland, with 5ft mountains, after restoration by Sam Docherty, a film maker. He spotted the overgrown map at the Barony Castle Hotel in Eddleston, Borders, from the air

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By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

PEOPLE who have heart attacks in spite of following all the rules of healthy living have only their genes to blame. French scientists reported

They have found that a common genetic anomaly may explain why heart attacks often strike down people who are thin, have low cholesterol levels, do not smoke, and take regular exercise. Such attacks

have always been a puzzle to doctors. The finding has extraordinary clinical implications, according to Dr Theodore Kurtz of the University of California in San Francisco. The potential impact of these studies and many others that will follow cannot

be overstated," he writes in this week's issue of Nature, where the French results are also published.

The finding may be the basis for a test that could predict more accurately those at risk of heart attacks. In addition, it helps to explain clinical results published last month which showed a sharp reduction in heart attacks among people treated with a drug that inhibits the action of an enzyme called angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE).

Dr Francois Cambien of the National Institute of Health and Medical Research in Paris and colleagues report today that heart attack victims, especially those without any of the recognised risk factors, have higher levels of ACE in the blood than

controls. That is because they possess two copies of a gene that appears to control the amount of ACE produced. A total of 610 heart attack survivors and a comparable number of controls from Belfast, Lifle, Strasbourg and Toulouse were examined by the team, which included Dr Alun Evans of Queen's University, Belfast. The results show that those who had suffered heart attacks were significantly more likely to have the genetic variant that produced higher levels of ACE. Among people who would be considered at low risk by normal

Precisely how high levels of ACE lead to more heart attacks has yet to be shown, but the enzyme is known to

criteria, the association was particu-

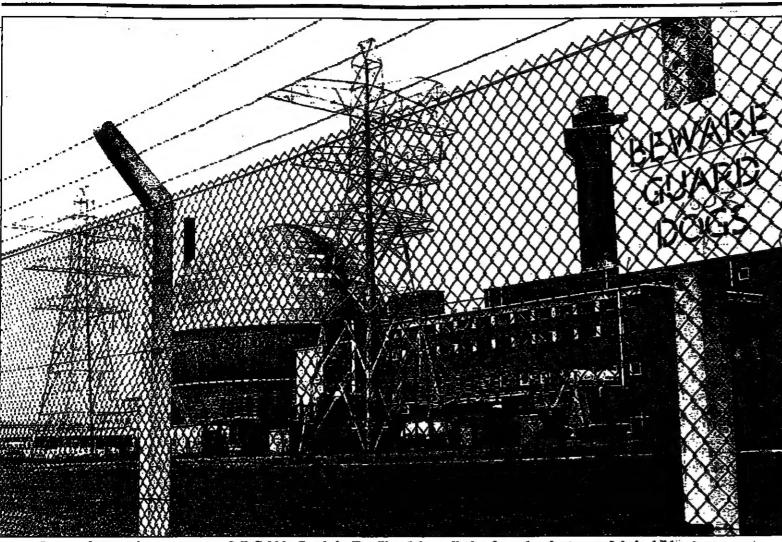
pentide that makes the blood vessels constrict, and the destruction of one that makes them dilate. The supposition is that people with high ACE. levels are likely to suffer from more : constricted arteries, increasing the chances of heart attacks.

Drugs already exist which inhibit the action of ACE, and last month Dr Marc Pfeffer of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston published in the New England Journal of Medicine the result of a trial showing that ACE-inhibitors both reduce the risk of heart attacks and prolong the lives of those who have had heart attacks and start taking the drugs several days later. Dr Pfeffer says that result opens the way to use ACE-inhibitors

as preventative drugs among those at risk. The French findings could be used to identify the people most likely to benefit from such treatment.

Hitherto, ACE-inhibitors have been given to people with high bloodpressure because they reduce con-striction in blood vessels. The latest findings suggest they could be much more useful than that. American doctors believe that ACE-inhibitors could save thousands of lives a year. even if they were used only to treat patients who had already had one attack. If they were used as a form of prevention the potential could be

Mind and body, page 15



ground on several fronts. Le-

gally, it will be the first in

Britain to test the theory of

genetic damage. The hurdle

the claimants have to sur-

mount is causation: the link

between the radiation and the

fathers' sperm leading to leu-

pave the way for other people

who allege genetic damage from toxic substances.

involved massive preparation.

The firm mounting the claims is Leigh Day & Co, where

partners Martyn Day and

Richard: Meeran have been.

working at full stretch with a

team of assistants.

Mr Day said: "We got legal"

aid in 1989 and have been

working towards this for just

over three years. I have slowly

had to give up doing anything

else and for the last year I have

done nothing else."

British Nuclear Fuels,

which tobustly resists the claims as "totally unfounded",

has instructed the leading City

For both sides, the case has

If successful, the cases may

kaemia in the children.

# Sellafield families to launch £10m test case

Next week an English court will begin a marathon hearing to test for the first time the concept of genetic damage

By Frances Gibb, Legal correspondent

THE first two claims on behalf of families alleging that their children's cancers were caused by radiation from Sellafield come before the High Court this month in what is expected to be a recordbreaking legal action costing up to £10 million.

The case opens on October 26 and is expected to be the longest, most expensive and complex civil action the courts have seen, ranking in expense and time with recent mammoth fraud trials and with an estimated time of six months. By comparison the claims over whooping cough vaccine lasted 12 weeks. -

It has been three years in preparation and is expected to bring an unprecedented battle over scientific evidence. Either side will call 25 scientists, and more than 100 scientists' reports from Japan, the US, Holland, Germany, Sweden and elsewhere will be used in

More than haif a million nages of documents have been assembled and room is being

cleared in court 14 of the Royal Courts of Justice for stack upon stack of box files for the judge, Mr Justice French.

The two test claims, both legally-aided, are being watched by 40 others waiting in the wings. The first is being brought by Elizabeth Reay, of Whitehaven, whose child Dorothy died of leukaemia in 1962 aged 10 months. Her late father, George,

worked at the plant as a fitter for more than 20 years and suffered one of the highest radiation doses of any of the workers. He died of cancer in the mid-1980s. The second case is that of

Vivien Hope, diagnosed as suffering from a lymphoma in 1988, aged 23. She has been treated but chemotherapy has left her permanently disabled and sterile. Her father David also worked at the plant as a fitter for more than 20 years until his retirement in the late 1980s. The family live at Seascale.

The claims breaks new

# Scientists divided on leukaemia link

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTIFIC issues in the case are among the most complex any court has yet ruled on. No scientific consensus exists over the causes of leukaemia clusters and the evidence is contradictory.

The plaintiffs will seek to show that the large incidence leukaemia around Sellafield is a direct result of radiation from the plant. They do not have to prove negli-Installations Act 1965 imposes strict liability on the industry not to cause injury to people or property. Central to the case will be

the 1990 report by Professor Martin Gardner of Southampton University, who showed that fathers who had had a high radiation dose while working at the plant were six to eight times more likely to father children wito subsequently contracted the disease. The implication was that the radiation damaged the sperm and that damage was transferred to the foetus.

The plaintiffs are expected to cite Japanese experiments showing that irradiation of mice caused excess cancers in direct offspring and further generations. There is also evidence that exposure to Xrays can increase cancers in the children of those exposed.

Against this, the defendents appear likely to cite a wide range of opposing studies. The children of atom bomb survivors at Hiroshima and Nagasaki showed no increased cancers: there were, fewer. Leukaemia dusters have been found where there is no radiation, and many places where there is radiation show no clusters.

Canadian researchers, who examined childhood leuka mias between 1950 and 1988 around five nuclear facilities, found no association between lenkaemia and the exposure of fathers to radiation. Earlier studies in the US and France reached similar negative con-To try to resolve the

impasse, Dr Leo Kinlen of Edinburgh University has suggested that the clusters are caused by the migration of populations to new settle-ments. This could be explained if leukaemia is caused by an infective agent (as feline leukaemias are). New people moving into an area might carry an agent to which the locals lacked immunity, causing a temporary increase. ☐ A . Europe-wide study childhood leukaemia after the 1986 Chemobyl accident has

shown no increase in the

to afford the same range

services.

and quality of goods and

Figures were calculated by

working out the annual expen-

diture of eight families of four,

ranging from one renting a

three-bedroom council house without a telephone to one

living in a six-bedroom house,

with a maid, membership of a

golf dub and a child at private

school. Regional variations in

costs were worked out by

comparing prices in 114

towns for a number of items,

including poll tax, cinema

tickets, a garden fork and

The survey shows that a

fall. Costs for a family of four

living in a three-bedroom

semi-detached house are 2 per

lunch in a restaurant.

# Mother threw baby into lake

MEKS MILLER

A woman walked free from admitted allowing her newborn baby to die and throwing the body into a lake.

Victoria Pay. 21, was put on probation for two years after the prosecution accepted her plea of guilty to infanticide. She had denied murdering the unnamed 7lb girl minutes after she was born in Septemher last year.

Nigel Mylne QC, for the prosecution, said that Pay, of Dartford, Kent, had concealed her pregnancy. After the birth, she put the baby in a rubbish sack and threw it into a lake. It died either from hypother-

mia, drowning or asphyxia.

Mr Justice Swinton Thomas, sentencing her at the Old Bailey, told Pay: "It would not be in your interest or the public's to send you to prison."

#### Date set for Hatton trial

The trial of Derek Hatton, former deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, on conspiracy charges will take place outside the city. a judge has ruled. It will begin at Mold Crown Court, Clwyd, on January 12. Mr Hatton, 44, of Child-

wall. Liverpool, denies seven charges of conspiracy to defraud the city council. Six codefendants face conspiracy charges. The trial is expected to last up to nine months.

#### Rail fares to rise by 8%

British Rail and London Transport will today announce fare increases substantially above inflation. Some

may be up to 8 per cent. Prices for ordinary, season and cheap day return tickets will rise, but most saver tickets are likely to remain the same. The increases are needed to help to off-set a fall in income.

#### PC killed

PC Chris Wiggins, 25, of Boreham, Essex, died when a lorry hit his stationary patrol car on the M25 between Harlow and Brentwood on Tuesday night. He and a colleague had stopped to put warning cones around a burning car.

Man raped

A man aged 19 was raped on Hampstead Heath, northwest London, by three men who abducted him from an Underground train at gunpoint. Police are appealing for wit-nesses to the incident about 6.30pm on Tuesday.

#### Cancer payout

David Jones, of Barry. South Glamorgan, and his son Vaughan, 8, were awarded £122,500 damages by the High Court after doctors in Leicestershire failed to diag-nose cervical cancer in Mr Jones's wife, Karen, in 1983. She died in 1986. Rescue prize

#### Two helicopter crews who res-

tory ship off the west of Scotland last December were awarded the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society's annual rescue trophy.

#### Wrestler dies Kevin Corley, 46. a wrestler

from Manchester, died after collapsing during a contest at Lewisham Theatre, southeast London, on Tuesday night. Ship grant

English Heritage is to grant

£50,000 for the excavation of a

#### Bronze Age ship uncovered during road works in Dover. Kent, last month.

Soccer auction Memorabilia belonging to Bill Foulkes, a former Manchester United footballer. fetched nearly £35,000 at auction in Glasgow.

#### Chief retires

Peter Nobes, 57, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, is to cent less than in August 1991.

# Church 'must end' state patronage

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT THE prime minister's power Queen's inseparable roles as

of patronage in some senior Church of England jobs should end, a working party's report says today. It criticises the secretive and idiosyncratic methods of appointment. The report, which recom-

mends transferring the power to appoint suffragan bishops and deans from the prime minister to the archbishops of Canterbury and York, is certain to arouse debate about the relationship between church

Frank Field MP, a dissenting member of the working party, condemned the report as sectarian and said its proposals would take the church further down the road to disestablishment. He called for a more open appointment system, but with the Crown's

The two archbishops, Dr George Carey and Dr John Habgood, issued a statement yesterday saying that they had not sought an enhanced role. They called for a careful examination of the "important and complex issues" raised by the report about the

head of state and supreme governor of the church. A consultative process exists already to appoint diocesan bishops and archbishops, through the Crown Appoint-1977. Leading churchmen are increasingly concerned that a prime minister with no

choose who gets other senior Bishops are usually drawn from the existing pool of suffragan bishops, archdeacons and deans. Most senior clerical vacancies are never

advertised. Overt ambition in the church is frowned upon as inimical to a true vocation. Talented clergy can languish for years in junior posts because their faces do not fit. Where promotion is gained, it is often by a series of complex manouevres, with the spiritual calling juggled against tempo-

Christian affiliation could

☐ Senior Church Appointments (Church House Publishing, Great Smith Street, London SWIP 3NZ; £7.50)

# London salaries buy the least

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

PEOPLE in the South East have the lowest quality of life in Britain while those in Scotland and the North have the highest, according to a survey published today.

The survey, based on relative spending power, finds that Greater London is the most expensive place to live. Although salaries are greater than the national average in London and the South East, the benefits are offset by higher costs of living, the Reward Group's six-monthly survey says. Middle managers in Loridon earn 16.5 per cent

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more than the national average but the region's cost of living is 19.5 per cent higher. Scots are judged to have a better quality of life because they earn 1.9 per cent more than a service better than a service better the service better than a ser than average but pay 2.3 per

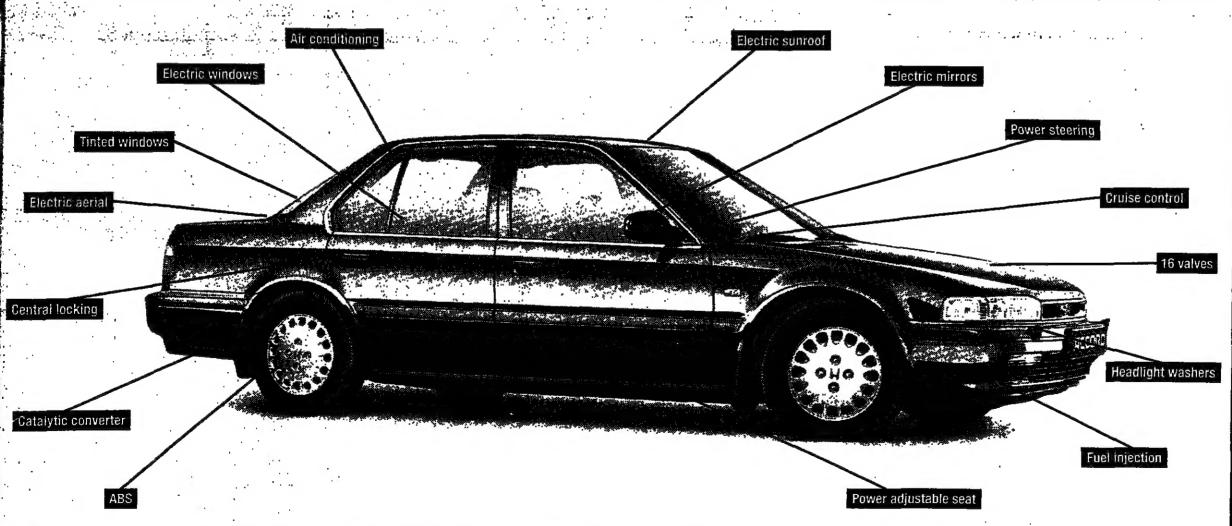
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# Bottomley to decide top hospitals' fate

By Jeremy Laurance, health services correspondent

gramme this century to reshape London's health service, involving the closure or merger of some of the capital's will be presented to the health secretary, Virginia Bottomley.

today.

After an enquiry which has lasted a year, Sir Bernard Tomlinson will tell her that four teaching hospitals cannot survive in the new NHS market, that there should be an urgent review of the excessive number of specialist units for services such as radiotherapy, and that there should be a shake-out among research hospitals. He will urge a huge would be less than that of hospitals. He will urge a huge switch of resources into prima-

ry and community care.

The delivery of his report, commissioned by the former health secretary. William Waldegrave, will mark the start of three months of ministerial visits and frenzied lobbying by the hospitals. Publica-tion of the report is expected at the end of the month but final

After comparing the costs of running the hospitals, the

THE most ambitious pro- state of their buildings and where health authorities intend to place their contracts. Sir Bernard has concluded that the Charing Cross, University College/Middlesex, and St Bartholomew's hospitals must close, merge or be drastically reduced in size. The enquiry panel has found it difficult to decide whether the

> Guy's or St Thomas's but Sir Bernard will say that it would be easier to find an alternative use for St Thomas's buildings. Nearly half of GPs premises in the capital are below stan-

> fourth hospital should be

building a new hospital. Expanding primary services would absorb some of the thousands of hospital staff who are expected to lose their jobs if the closures go ahead, but re-training would be Sir Bernard will say there

needs to be a reappraisal of London's specialist hospitals, such as the Royal Marsden cancer hospital and the Royal Brompton heart hospital, some of which have poorer

teaching hospitals, despite their privileged status. He will confirm the government's plan to bring them into the NHS market, where they will have to compete for patients, but will say they should have a special subsidy to cover the costs of research. There will be no recommendation to cut the number of medical students trained in London, a third of

The programme of closures and mergers will cost hundreds of millions of pounds but Sir Bernard will say that the hospitals will close anyway if the government does not act. One of the most remarkable features of his report is that it calls for planning of services and is opposed to letting the market take its course.

Sir Bernard will call for some decisions to be taken quickly to minimise planning blight. As a priority he will urge a review of specialist units for services such as radiotherapy and marrow transplants, as London has more than twice the number it needs.

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# Expensive sea walls speed up erosion



Land under threat: a disused railway bridge close to the sea wall which protects pastureland and the town of Brightlingsea in Essex

■ Working with nature is now recognised as the best defence against wind and wave

#### By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

ain's ecologically most valu-able coastal features, including salt marshes, mud flats and sand dunes, is being accelerated by costly manmade defences meant to protect them, says the government's chief conserva-

Over the next three decades, on present trends, most of the remaining wildlife habitat along the low-lying shoreline of south and southeastern England could disappear, trapped between naturally ris-ing sea levels and an almost continuous line of agidly engi-

a living coast in London yesterday, English Nature, the successor in England to the Name Conservancy Council, called for a new approach using "soft engineering" tech-niques. These would make more use of natural defences and sometimes would involve a managed retreat to more defensible positions further

Endorsing the new policy, David Madean, the countrydefence was often seen as opposing the forces of wind and wave head on with hard defences. More recently, as we have learned more about natural coastal processes, the imitations of hard engineering solutions have been

South and southeastern England is sinking into the sea by a few millimetres each year as the British land mass recovers its equilibrium after the last Ice Age. The resulting rise in sea levels could be exacerbated in the next centu-

ry by-global warming. Many sea defences are being undercut because the salt marshes, mudflats, sandbars and other natural features that once protected them by dissipating the force of waves have been eroded. An English Nature study last year showed that 20 per cent of salt marshes were lost over the past 15 years, mainly from sea erosion rather than developments such as the building of

Felixstowe docks. Salt marshes are not only a valuable natural defence but also home to specialised plants such as samphire, also known as glasswort, sea aster, sea lavender and sea club-rush and such birds as redshanks,

hard sea walls can cost up to E5 million a kilometre to build. In 1990-91 alone, the government spent £58 million building and repairing sea

"Managed retrear" could be 🗦 an option where long and expensively-maintained walls are protecting low-lying. narrow strips of poor-quality farmland backed by higher allow the sea in at a controlled rate up to this second line to form a protective salt marsh or mud flat

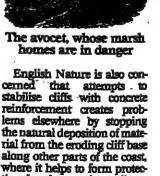
In populated areas or those of high agricultural value, would be impossible. Here material dredged from har-bour channels, now dumped at sea, could be used to build up beaches and mudilats that have been eroded back to the sea wall: One area where such a solution is being considered is Brightlingsea Marsh in Essex, where the sea wall protects valuable pasture and the town of Brightlingsea.



homes are in danger

stabilise cliffs with concrete reinforcement creates problerns elsewhere by stopping the natural deposition of material from the eroding cliff base along other parts of the coast, where it helps to form protective beaches and sandbars. The agency would prefer to see cliffs protected by building up beaches in front of them and allowing erosion at a controlled rate.

The agency also aims to have plans in place for 40 of the 80 estuaries in England by the end of the century. They would seek to limit damage caused by industry, commer cial fisheries and recreational activities. Some 18 million people live and work round



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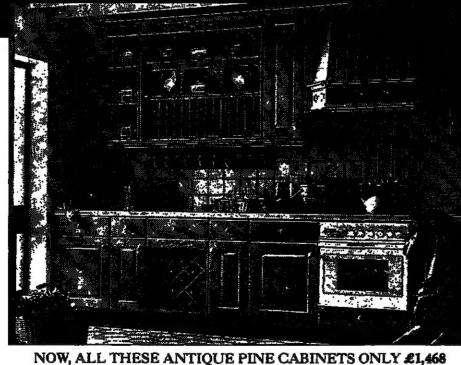
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FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

AS ANGER arose yesterday among Egypt's thousands of new homeless, Islamic extremists intensified their drive to make political capital out of the government's ment earth-quake relief effort.

Their moves came as two new tremors shook Came yes-

terday, threatening further building collapses two days after Egypt's worst earthquake killed 471 people and injured

4,000. The police closed off

part of a main street in central Cairo after the second tremor

when an old three storey building, weakened by Mon-day's quake, tilted further over

With many people still sleeping rough in parks and

on pavements because of per-sistent fears of new tremors. Arab diplomats fear that the

disaster, which cost at least £87 million, may prove the catalyst for renewed street unrest.

In the shadow of the Ibr

# Tokyo party baron bows out in shame

Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, has joined the national chorus of disapproval against his disgraced patron

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

SHIN Kanemaru, the "kingmaker" of Japanese politics and vice-president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, threw his party into chaos and his prime minister into trouble yesterday when he announced his intention to resign from

parliament to take responsi-bility for his involvement in a political corruption scandal. A master of internal party politicking and the man re-sponsible for selecting Japan's last four prime ministers. Mr Kanemaru, 78, bowed out yesterday. The party has long been riddled with a byzantine network of squabbling fac-tions, but was plunged into turmoil over who should succeed Mr Kanemanı as the man with most influence.

Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, who owes his position largely to the patronage of the disgraced Mr Kanemaru, stayed out of sight while the storm was brewing. Yesterday, however, he broke his silence and, commenting on Mr Kanemaru's disclosed links with the yakuza (Japa-nese gangsters), said: "People

involved in politics should not have connections with those sorts of groups. I am taking this seriously and I apologise from the bottom of my heart to the general public."

Mr Kanemaru's reluctant resignation comes almost two months after his links with the boss of Tokyo's largest yakuza mob became public and after he admitted receiving a political donation worth 500 million yen (£2.4 million), which was about five times over the legal limit, from the trucking firm Sagawa Kyubin. Deftly avoiding the embarrassment of a court appearance, he paid a fine of 200,000 yen two waste account at the first his misweeks ago to atone for his misdemeanour and returned to work as normal, apparently expecting public outrage at the incident to blow over.

However, pickets outside Mr Kanemaru's Tokyo residence indicated an unusually high level of public outrage for Japan, and younger Liberal Democrats had begun to call for his resignation. The combination finally forced Mr



Stepping out while the Communist party congress discusses moves to a market economy, couples practise dances in a Peking park yesterday

#### China keeps watchful eye on anti-Japanese protesters

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

CHINESE police have circulated a warning that anti-Japanese organisations have been set up around the coun-try and that they must be prevented from disrupting the visit of Emperor Akihito of

Japan later this month.
"We hope you will warch
this matter closely," the docu-

ment tells officials. "If you discover any meetings, or demonstrations, or get-togethers, we suggest each work unit should urgently try to persuade these people to desist, and at the same time tell the police."

The circular was issued last month to officials in Peking already nervous about the visit, the first by a Japanese

world war. According to the document, organisations demanding compensation from Japan for war-time atrocities in reparations from Japan, which has 55 members, including 17 government officials and 13 Communist party have been set up in more than ten of China's 30 provinces and municipalities. It claims that even government officials are involved in these activities, which it describes as illegal.

It cites one group in Peking called the Chinese non-gov-

members. Several of the organisations had held press conferences, the document said, which had stirred up public opinion further.

Millions of Chinese suffered under the Japanese occupa-tion and anti-Japanese feeling is still strong. The Chinese

anthorities are eager for good relations with their rich neigh-bour. China relinquished its right to ask for war repara-tions from Japan when the two countries normalised their An opinion poll from the

Kyodo news service in Tokyo showed that nearly 90 per cent of Japanese surveyed were in favour of the visit of Emperor Akihito and his wife to China.

Tulun mosque in the deprived Seyida Zeinab slum area, ten dirt-stained tents provided by the fundamentalist Humanitarian Relief Agency were housing last night more than 100 people whose homes were destroyed. Most had only a few possessions.

The state [and president]
Mubarak have so far done nothing to help us. The only people who have looked after us are these Muslims," said Muhammad, a secondary school pupil squatting in one of the foetid tents with seven members of his family. Beside 🏶 his temporary refuge was a poster: "Islam is the solution." Near by, hard-looking youths with beards mocked the snail's pace at which

Cairo's bureaucracy has been dealing with the enormous human problems it now faces. Across the schage-covered street on the steps of a nurdown government office, members of homeless families were shouting and occasional-ly fighting in a desperate attempt to secure some alternative accommodation. Officials looked bewildered and

incapable of coping.

"The government does nothing. It has not even provided us with licences to make these tents legal," one organiser said. He shouted down a plain-clothes policeman who intervened to try to put the government's side.
"No, no, no," he screamed at claimed that the officials had issued tent licences 48 hours after the earthquake struck. destroying nearly 600 build-

ings and rendering thousands of others uninhabitable Issam al-Rayyan, assistant secretary-general of the doc-tors syndicate that runs the militant relief committee, said 50 large tents had been erected at eight different points in the poorest quarters of Cairo worst hit by the quake Medi-cine worth \$4,400 had also

been distributed. Jerusalem: An 18-year old Palestinian was shot dead yesterday in the Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis as part of a sharp worsening of clashes between Israeli troops and residents, Palestinians said (Ben Lynfield writes). The death of Tahseen Abu Shamah brought to five the number of Gazans killed in clashes with soldiers since

#### Mao's car **fetches** £100,000

Peking: Lauren Hsiao Sun, a Chinese-American woman, paid £100,000 at China's first international auction yesterday for a black limousine said to have been used by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung (James Pringle writes). Miss Sun, who would not

reveal her hometown in the United States, said: "When I really want something I buy it, like when you see a dress you cannot resist in a boutique."

#### Rescue attempt

Delhi: Indian air force helicopters were trying to rescue ten people trapped in a cable car over a 700ft ravine in the Pradesh. The cable car attendant jumped to his death after a cable snapped. (Reuter)

#### **Burma** jailings

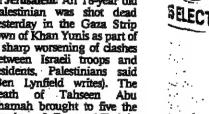
Rangoon: Burma's military junta gave nine dissidents long jail terms for producing anti-government leaflets, and may strip more than 100 more opposition politicans of their parliamentary seats. (Reuter)

#### Lebanese strike

Beirut A strike to protest at the handling of the economy shut down schools and businesses in Lebanon. Similar strikes toppled the previous government in May. (Reuter)

'007' charges Manila: Fourteen members of

a presidential anti-crime unit face murder charges over a shootout in which they "acted like James Bond". (Reuter)



#### Nuclear detective tracks down Nobel

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

GEORGES Charpak, the French physicist, yesterday won the Nobel Prize for Physics for a device that tracks fundamental particles, while the American chemist, Rudolph Marcus, was awarded the chemistry prize for studies of electron transfer reactions that underlie processes such as photosynthesis.

Dr Charpak, who works at Cern, the European particle physics laboratory in Geneva, suspected a hoax when he was rung to be told. he had won the \$1.2 million (£700.000) prize. Once convinced, he said: "Great, then I can buy a new pair of shoes this afternoon."

The discovery for which he was given the award was the multi-wire proportional chamber, a device for detecting the thousands of particles produced in atom smashers like those at Cern. He invented the device in 1968 and linked it directly to computers. This enabled the data collection

factor of 1,000, and the path of the particles to be measured more precisely. Since then, this type of detector and its successors have been used in virtually every experiment in particle physics.

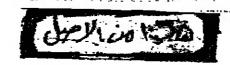
Professor Marcus, born
in Canada but a nat-

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uralised American, holds the chemistry chair at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. His prize was for theoretical work on a simple chemical process that underlies many important phenomena - the transfer of an electron between two melecules. In such processes no chemical bonds are broken, but changes take place in the molecular structure, which

his theories explain. The theory has proved useful in the interpretation of many chemical phenomena, even though it was initially controversial," the Swedish academy said in





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Fingers out: Vice-President Dan Quayle, left, scoring a point during the televised debate with the other two vice-presidential candidates. James Stockdale, centre, Ross Perot's running mate, and Al Gore, who is on Bill Clinton's ticket

# Quayle and Gore pour out vitriol

The vice-president was aggressive, his Democratic challenger wooden, and the outsider lost. Bush and Clinton debate tonight

> FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON could neither trust nor afford

Bill Clinton. He said Mr Clin-

ton's "tax-and-spend" policies would make a poor economy

"much; much worse", but his

constant refrain was that Mr

Clinton "has trouble telling

the truth". Even the final

words of his closing statement,

instead of setting out a future

Clinton to be your president?".

The Clinton camp said Mr

Quayle was "shrill, out-of-

The charge against Mr Gore was that he was pack-

aged and wooden. He re-

mained cool, but conceded

nothing and hammered away

at his central theme that

Republican "trickle-down"

Mr Quayle's aggression lift-

ed Republican morale as the

Bush camp was hit by more

troubles. It was accused of using US embassies to dig up

dirt on Mr Clinton's years at

The Justice Department

opened a preliminary criminal

inquiry into whether William

Sessions, the FBI director, had

sought to evade paying taxes

and made personal use of FB1

telephones, cars and planes.

Judge Sessions insists that he

is innocent, but the enquiry

could embarrass an adminis-

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interviewer. The White House

later insisted he had misheard

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claimed that Mr Bush had

on crime.

Oxford, a charge it denied.

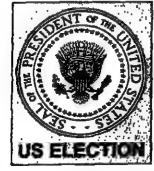
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PRESIDENT Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot yesterday prepared for this evening's presidential debate after a ierocious vice-presidential confrontation on Tuesday night that set an acid new tone for the campaign's final 19 days. For 90 minutes Dan

challenger, sługged away like heavyweight boxers in what was labelled the most combative meeting in the 32-year



history of televised debates. There was no clear victor. The clear loser was James Stockdale, Mr Perot's running mate, whose painful performance could halt the Texan's resurgence.

"Who am I? Why am I here?," were the opening words of the 68-year-old soldier-scholar, plucked from his Greek philosophy. Those questions became increasingly pertinent. He lost his way in his opening statement. At one point he declined an invitation to speak. At another he confessed: "I'm out of ammunition." To one question he replied: "I didn't have my hearing aid turned on."

Admiral Stockdale compared his position at the debate to being "an observer at a ping-pong game". The unavoidable question was how Mr Peror's presidential bid could be taken seriously when his running mate was so obviously out of his depth.

Two instant polls showed Mr Gore beat Mr Quayle by 50 points to 32 and 38 to 35. but the finger-jabbing exchange of charge and countercharge, which continued with undiminished vehemence yesterday, probably swung few votes either way.

Mr Quayle's aggressive performance surpassed expecta-tions. He banished memories of his wretched 1988 debate with Lloyd Bentsen, did his hopes of winning the Republicans' 1996 presidential nomination no harm, and showed up Mr Bush's listless per formance last Sunday by driving home the most blunt and focused message of the Republican campaign to date.

Mr Quayle made no at-tempt to sell a positive Republican platform. His theme throughout was that America

#### puts brake on Clinton juggernaut FROM ANTHONY HOWARD

Dairy state

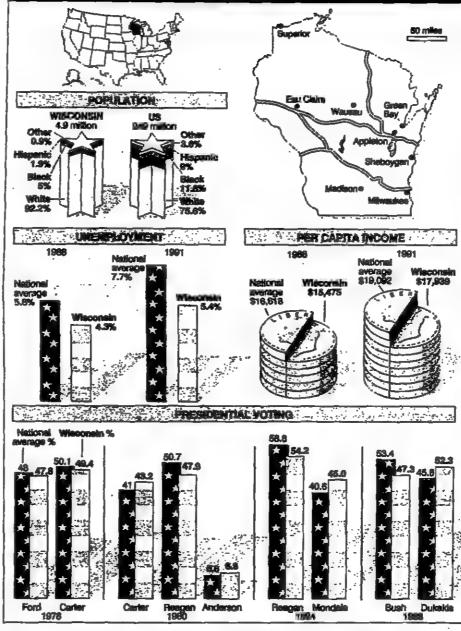
IN MADISON, WISCONSIN

OF THE ten states that Michael Dukakis won at the last election, Wisconsin was probably the greatest surprise. Ronald Reagan had secured it by 200,000 votes in 1984 and its defection from the Republican column was an early, ominous sign for President Bush who, four years later, looks like losing badly across the whole of the Midwest.

In state politics, though, times have been rough lately for the local Democrat party. At an old-fashioned "labour unity dinner" last weekend, hosted by the United Auto state party chairman, reminded his audience that the Democrats in nearby states such as Illinois. Minnesota and Michigan were, according to the polls, doing much better than they were in Wisconsin.

If the Clinton juggernaut is not rolling as remorselessly across "America's dairyland" as it appears to be doing elsewhere, it is, however, for understandable historical reasons. Wisconsin has always been a slightly maverick state with an indigenous, ideologi-cal flavour to its politics. The home of Robert LaFollette. who founded the Progressive party, it has never felt entirely at ease in the mainstream of American politics. With a large number of German descendants among its inhabit-ants, it was isolationist in two world wars and then in the 50s became identified with the red-baiting Joe McCarthy, whom it twice sent to the

Senate with huge majorities. But since then Wisconsin Mr Bush appeared to admit has reverted to its earlier that he did know after all liberal inclination. Throughout the Vietnam years it profor-hostages deal. "Yes, I've said so all along," he told an vided a focus for the anti-war movement and it is now a pioneer on all environmental issues. In this year's "open primary" (in which anyone can vote regardless of party registration) it came within 3 "completely reversed himself".



US ELECTION: THE BATTLEGROUND STATES

per cent of choosing Jerry Brown of California in preference to Bill Clinton. Wisconsin Clinton people any more than they were instinctive Kennedy supporters in 1960.

Besides, the local Democrats have another prize in their sights apart from the White House. From the early 60s to the end of the 70s Wisconsin sent two Democratic senators to Washington. It lost one seat in the Reagan victory of 1980 and this year it is determined to regain it. Its candidate is a 39-year-old

liberal state legislator called Russ Feingold. Although his opponent is a two-term Republican incumbent, polls are predicting that he will run ahead of Mr Clinton and may win 60 per cent of the vote. " recognise." Mr Feingold says, "that I have had a lot of luck." And so he has. Not the least part of his good fortune is that the state's greatest vote-winner, Tommy Thompson, the

Republican governor, is not standing for re-election. It is Mr Thompson who is said to have persuaded President Bush not to give up on the state, despite his defeat here in 1988. Mr Bush has been to Wisconsin four times, although he has seldom ventured beyond rock-ribbed Republican areas.

The Democrats, by contrast, are deliberately taking the war into the enemy camp. They are hoping to convert a five-tofour adverse balance in the state's congressional delegation into a six-to-three predominance in their favour. But there is a feeling that they may not even regain the second congressional district, which they lost in 1990.

#### **New York** lawyers get between the sheets

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE debate over "date rape" in America and increasing confusion over what constitutes consensual sex have prompted a male support group in New York to issue what may be the most unromantic chat-up line ever invented — a "consensual sex contract" which, it says, should be signed by both partners before having sex in order to avoid subsequent accusations of rape.

"We feel that there has been a real growth in the incidence of false rape charges," says Mel Feit, director of the Natal Centre for Men. "and this contract is a way of protecting men against unfounded accusations."

The contract was drafted by a team of New York lawyers and is currently being distributed on university campuses and to various men's groups around the country, accompa-nied by a leaflet describing false rape accusations as "the most pressing danger a man faces from heterosexual intercourse in the '90s".

The contract states: "Neither of us may claim to be the victim of sexual harassment or assault or rape as a result of the acts which are the subject of this agreement" and concludes "we understand that this contract may be terminat-ed at any time by either one of us except during the sexual activity contemplated by this agreement".

The contract has caused widespread anger among women's groups and represents the latest exchange in an increasingly bitter battle between the sexes in America. "At a time when we're all trying to work out the rules for sexual conduct, issuing a socalled contract for sex is just insulting," said a spokeswoman for the National Organis ation for Women. "No means no. You don't need a piece of

#### Perot's admiral is all at sea

BY ANTHONY HOWARD

IT WAS a real piece of political theatre. James Stock-dale, Ross Perot's stand-in vice-presidential candidate, was endearing but embarrassing. Dan Quayle, the vice-president, was cocky but counter-productive and Al Gore, fighting from the Clinton corner, was masterly and

The one vice-presidential confrontation may have revived the spirits of the Republicans but it hardly enhanced their prospects. It returned the Perot electoral effort to being no more than a frolic on the margin and it left the Demi crat ticket still in charge of the electoral agenda.

Mr Quayle had plainly been sent out with instructions to browbeat the chief Democrat standard-bearer, and he did his best to do so. "Bill Clinton," he kept saying, "has trouble in telling the truth", and his strategy was to try to make "character and trust" the theme of the debate.

If he failed, it was because Mr Gore loftily refused to respond. He concentrated on policy issues, returning time and again to the administration's economic record. He dominated the discussion on most of the substantive topics. and the frequency with which he scored was reflected in the regularity with which Mr Quayle greeted his assaults with a nervous laugh.

Mr Gore effectively destrayed his opponent on both abortion and family leave, taunting him with demands to repudiate his party's official position. When Mr Quayle tried the same tactic, notably on Mr Clinton's ambivalent attitude towards the Gulf war. he could never quite muster the knockout punch. Only on the question of school choice did he briefly appear to have Mr Gore on the ropes.

However, what the viewers were trying to decide was which of the two men they could more easily envisage standing a heart's beat from the White House. Unfairly or not, the nation's verdict is already in on Mr Quayle. He is generally regarded as not being up to the job of vicepresident, still less of occupying the presidency.

Initially, the Republicans had clearly hoped that Mr Stockdale, an academic, would change the focus of the debate. But the admiral proved to be wholly at sea. Fidgeting constantly with his glasses and even confessing that he had not heard a question, he played only a peripheral part.

The entire occasion became what the Republicans had most dreaded. It was, in effect, a duel between two men - one who has consistently been seen as a bonus to the Democrat ticket and the other who has rarely escaped being the butt of mockery. Mr Quayle de-serves credit for turning in the sparky performance he did, but the impression still lingered of a lad having been sent on a man's errand.

# Dirt-diggers' trail runs cold amid the dreaming spires

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE obsessive search for the truth about the young Bill Clinton's years in England now stretches from the cloisters of Oxford to the corridors of power in Washington, it emerged yesterday.

As American embassy officials admitted that the US State Department had or-dered an "extremely thorough" investigation of the Arkansas governor's files, Oxford dons braced themselves for a fresh round of muckraking. The trail now leads inexorably to the dreaming spires, scene of Mr Clinton's allegedly unpatriotic activi-ties and, according to President Bush, the root of his ideological contamination. Mr Bush's relentless attack

on the character and judg-

Hand Fores the team lead moving," Mr Foster said.

when he was a Rhodes Scholar at the university in 1968 and 1969. Mr Clinton, who failed to complete a BPhil course in politics at University College, has denied that he tried to renounce his American citizenship to avoid the draft during the Vietnam war, accusing his opponent of McCarthyite tactics.
Oxford dons, already besieged by enquiries from around the world, do not

relish the prospect of an alumnus in the White House launching a thousand newspaper profiles. Foragers for gossip about Mr Clinton's years as a radical and college rugby player must therefore struggle against a centuries-

The discreet dons of Oxford are braced for the flood of enquiries that is bound to follow if Bill Clinton manages to secure the glittering prize of the White House

old code of Oxonian omerta. The university declined yes-terday to comment on Mr Clinton's youthful exploits as one of 32 Rhodes Scholars in his year. "There have been meetings at very high levels about this," a spokeswoman said. "Given the sort of people that are interested in Mr Clinton and their tendency to add colour to the story, we feel that we should keep out of it." No request for information had yet been received from American officials, she added.

The governor was known as

a quiet, affable student who

enjoyed rugby, reading and friendship with the college porters at Oxford. The college has, however, also drawn a discreet veil over its association with the candidate, issuing only a short biographical note. "We've had every-one ringing up. even the National Enquirer," one don said yesterday, breaking off from a tutorial. "There's not very much to say. He was a very nice bloke."

Rhodes House said that its records on Mr Clinton were safely stored in a basement, along with 5,000 other confidential dossiers on his fellow

Rhodes Scholars. Oxford has central files on the academic performance of all its stu-dents since 1890, and partial records on individuals stretching back to 1500. The university proctors' records on disciplinary offences are also kept indefinitely, al-though individual files are occasionally destroyed. The suspicion that Mr Clin-

ton has something to hide has been encouraged by rumours that his university file had already gone missing. How-ever, Philip Moss, head clerk at the university student record office, said that the personal file was still on his card index and it had not been tampered with. "It was there yesterday when my secretary was having a look at it." he said. "We get quite a lot of requests about Mr Clinton but he didn't do a lot

here." He added that the only confidential item in most files is the student's date of birth. Oxford's distaste for glasnost may have set American liberals chattering about skeletons in cupboards, but undergraduates are more sanguine about the secrets in the vaults. Vicki Howe, president of the students' union, said

personal files were unlikely to yield sensational disclosures. "I think it would be very difficult for the university to find out very much about the students."

In Mr Clinton's case, there may be little to conceal. Cherwell, the weekly university newspaper, has just car-ried out a painstaking trawl of its back issues in search of Clinton the radical firebrand making his mark. Alas, the man from Hope, Arkansas, was not mentioned once.

ment of the Democrats' presi-terrial candidate has focused on his role in the anti-war movement, which included demonstrations in London,

# Rifkind to set 12-month limit on UK mission in Bosnia

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MALCOLM Rifkind, the defence secretary, is due to announce today the timetable for the deployment of troops in Bosnia and, according to Foreign Office sources, he will set a time limit of 12 months for Britain's military mission in the country.

The agenda comes after Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said on Tuesday that British troops may be called on increasingly to join peacekeeping operations around the world, raising new doubts about the balance between heavy armoured and lightly armed forces created under the government's Options for Change defence strategy.

· Under Options, the army is to reduce from 55 to 39 infantry battalions and from 14 to 11 armoured and armoured reconnaissance regiments by 1995. Peacekeeping is synonymous with lightly armed infantry, well supported by communications, logis-

Douglas Hurd says that the forces may have to take on a much greater peacekeeping role. But the defence ministry seems not to be addressing that possibility seriously

tics and engineering.Mr Hurd, however, was not advocating a total rewrite of the Options structure. Although armoured bigades are irrelevant for peacekeeping, the defence of Britain and Nato commitments, which do require an effective armoured capability. will still have a higher priority.

However, in a speech to the Royal United Services Institute, he underlined his view that peacekeeping is going to become a regular occurrence for the army. The pledge to send about 2,000 troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina is not seen at the Foreign Office as an exceptional commitment. As one official put it: "This is butter of armed forces life." The defence ministry insists

that nothing has happened since the announcement of the armed forces cuts in July 1990 to justify a rethink of Options for Change, even if the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia were to be followed by another in Moldavia, Kosovo or Na-gorno-Karabakh. Officials say the present manpower overstretch is unavoidable because so many infantry battalions are either being amalgamated

However, the importance of peacekeeping as a way of establishing and maintaining security in the wider Europe and the increasing priority it will have to be given in military planning appears not to have been addressed seriously at the defence ministry. colleges have not

or preparing for withdrawal

reflect the increasing trend and there is no special focus on training for peacekeeping

Bosnia's rebel Serbs, meanwhile, have backed off from a confrontation with the United Nations by agreeing to allow their air force to be removed from the country, diplomats said. After a blunt warning from Lord Owen, the international mediator, that the UN was ready to enforce its no-fly zone over Bosnia, Radovan Karadzic, the insurgent leader, agreed to fly all Serb combat aircraft to the rump Yugoslavia.

The agreement, also involving Milan Panic, prime minister of the rump state, was described as the result of a unilateral offer on the part of the rebel leader. "I wanted to contribute to peace and a cessation of hostilities," Dr Karadzic said. "I wanted to have no more mix-up over

whether we fly or not." Diplomats said, however, that Dr Karadzic had been put under heavy pressure to com-ply with Friday's security council resolution 781 and to avoid direct UN enforcement that could have included the bombing of the rebels' str-fields. Senior UN officials in New York said that there had been confirmed breaches of the resolution since its adoption on Friday, including some sorties on Saturday.

Lord Owen underwent minor back surgery in Geneva yesterday, sources at the Yugo-slav peace conference conference said. The operation was expected to keep him from the conference for about two days. Thousands at risk John Major has said in a letter to his EC partners that hundreds of thousands of people could die in former Yugoslavia this winter and that tomorrow's EC summit must tackle the issue.

He said: "At Birmingham, we must show the determination of the Community to respond. The first priority should be to ensure that relief gets through quickly and safely." (Reuter)

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Ship shape: orange marine-patterned culottes, navy-striped T-shirt and light brown linen jacket featured in Anne-Marie Bereita's spring-summer ready-to-wear collection in Paris. In Yohji Yamamoto's collection, models were swathed in fabric that

straitjackets. Most of the garments were black, but a few were in red, chocolate or amber. The Japanese designer added a brighter note with beaded That headdresses and glossy saris. (Renter)

## 'Ripper' convicted of 52 murders

FROM OLEG SHCHEDROV IN ROSTOV-ON-DON

A MAN dubbed the "Rostov Ripper" after an orgy of killings in which he ate the sexual organs of his victims was found guilty of 52 murders by a court in southern Russia yesterday. Andrei Chilcatilo, 57. head shaven and eyes bulging, sat in a metal cage in the court as the judge. Leonid Akubzhanov, mied that he was same. Chikatilo raped and killed boys; girls and young women and escaped police detection since 1978. He seems likely to face the death penalty when sentenced, probably

today. Chikatilo killed 21 foys aged between eight and 16 years, 14 girls aged be-tween nine and 17, and 17 women. He buried most in woodland. "He tortured his victims by biting out their tongues, tearing away their sexual organs and cutting their belies open," the judge said.

The emotional scenes that marked the trial pro-

ceedings earlier in the year were repeated in the courtroom. I can't breathe the same air as him! I can't live on the same earth with him!" a woman in a black mourning dress screamed from the public gallery.

The former teacher,

Communist party member and "perfect-husbandlimed-monster" terrorised sombern Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. He was arrested in 1990 after he made advances to a boy. Police had arrested three

men on suspición of committing some of the crimes. One committed suicide another tried to kill himself and the fixed was executed for the first of Chilestile's murders. (Reuter)

Gorbachev cancels Italy trip

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

MIKHAIL Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, yes-terday backed down from further confrontation with the Russian constitutional court, cancelling a trip to Italy with only hours to spare rather than face a showdown with security guards who had orders to stop him at the airport. His decision to abandon the visit came despite assurances yesterday morning of support for the venture from the Italian embassy in Moscow.

President Yeltsin relented under international pressure, notably from Italy and Germany, saying that Mr Gorbachev would be allowed to leave Moscow to attend the funeral of the former German chancelior, Willy Brandt, in Berlin at the weekend "for humanitarian reasons". But the government said vesterday that this did not extend to a private trip to Italy.

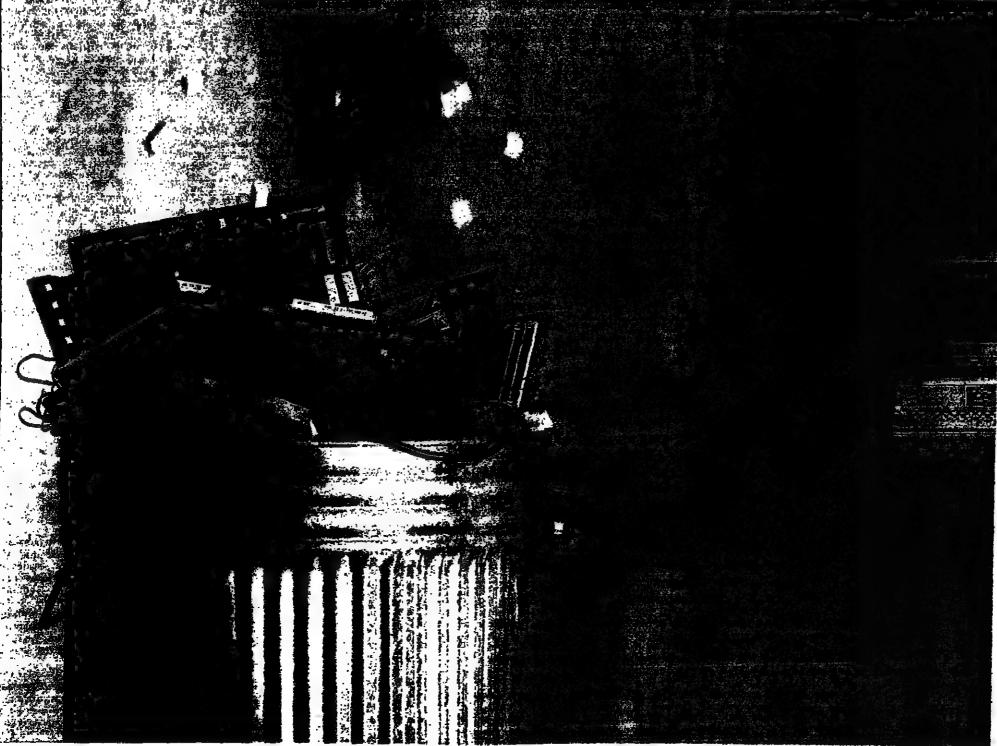
Mr Gorbachev was due to meet the Pope and President Scalfaro and receive honorary degrees during the visit. He told Italian radio yesterday: "I apologise to all my Italian friends. It is not my fault. My passport only allows me to go to Germany." He is still expected to travel to Berlin for Herr Brandt's funeral.

Giulio Andreotti, the former Italian prime minister, yesterday called on Giuliano Amato. his successor, to "react in a very firm manner" and said European Community foreign ministers should make "an extremely firm protest".

The development represents a further spat in relations between Mr Gorbachev and

the Yeltsin administration. The Russian president is de-termined to show he controls his rival's fate. Massacre claime Mr Yelt-

sin yesterday aimed a further blow at Mr Gorbachev, releasing secret documents linking him to the cover-up of the Soviet massacre of Polish officers in Russia during the second world war. He gave President Walesa of Poland a copy of the decision by the Soviet Communist party polit-buro, signed by Stalin, to execute 14,700 Polish officers who were interned in the Soviet Union and 11,000 other Poles. The Soviet Union officially blamed the massacre on the Nazis for 50 years and Mr Gorbachev did not admit Soviet responsibility until April 1990. (Reuter)



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# Delors heading for collision with UK over power of veto

IN STRASBOURG

JACQUES Delors, the president of the European Com-mission, steered his Brussels bureaucracy yesterday on to a collision course with the Brit-ish presidency of the Euro-pean Community at the Birmingham summit, saying that subsidiarity could not be used as an automatic escape clause from EC laws.

He gave a warning that the summit negotiations could be chaotic in the absence of a precise definition of the main subject on the agenda — subsi-diarity, and the paring of powers from Brussels.

M Delors told an emergency session of the European parliament in Strasbourg that the British presidency's idea of subsidiarity was not his and openly appealed to the people of Europe to overcome the dilemma. "Look, I've got 200,000 ecus (£140,000) here for anyone who can send me a one-page solution. We will open our arms to it," he said.

In a speech full of unscript-ed, pithy remarks, M Delors soon lost his jocularity, howev-

WITH the jeers of furious

farmers still ringing in his ears, a chastened President

Mitterrand will be happy if

the European leaders can get

through the Birmingham

summit with enough harmo-

ny to inject a little hope into

the flagging fortunes of the Masstricht treaty.

As politically and physically frail as the accord, M Mitter-

rand can have few illusions

that the grand scheme of rapid

union will survive in its origi-nal form and, after his narrow

squeak in the referendum,

France is in a poor position to

M Mitterrand and his team

lecture recalcitrant partners.

have spent recent days shoring

up their partnership with

Germany and weathering the

fallout from French obstruc-

tion of a new General Agree-

ment on Tariffs and Trade

(Gatt) pact between Europe and America. Roland Dumas,

the French foreign minister,

told the cabinet yesterday that

talks would not poison the atmosphere in Birmingham.

He depicted the collapse of

talks on agricultural exports

on Monday as a victory by Europe over an attempt by the

Americans "to drive a wedge into the Community". France and Germany also

assured Spain at a three-sided

foreign ministers' meeting in

Paris on Monday that they

would not abandon their sup-

port for the poorer countries in

their attempts to converge, or

catch up with the richer ones. As wary as they are of British and Danish doubts

about Maastricht, the French

are giving firm public support

to John Major and avoiding any hint of a threat to leave the

doubting and poorer mem-

bers and take off with the Benelux group into a two-

French politicians and com-

speed Europe.

Mitterrand sheds

treaty illusions

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

The president of the EC is making clear he will battle in Birmingham to retain full powers for Brussels

er, and tore apart any British notion that subsidiarity could give member states the right of automatic veto over Commission policies. He also rejected an appeal to the parliament by Tristan Garel-Jones, a Foreign Office junior minister, for the European Community to sit back for a few years and

Mr Garel-Jones urged a minimalist interpretation of the Maastricht treaty, with subsidiarity giving nations the chance to kill off Commission proposals before they are even discussed at government level. But M Delors said that such a right of veto over everything Brussels did "would paralyse the Community". Members of a musing ovation, while mut-ed clapping was Mr Garel-

mentators, however, have shown no such delicacy as once again they cast Britain as

the trouble-making outsider. Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the

former president and leader of

a conservative party which is

expected to share power after

parliamentary elections in

March, said countries "hostile

to union must not have the

power to block it. They should

have the chance of remaining

outside until they decide to

join the convoy."
The editor of Le Figaro said

Britain's behaviour proved again the wisdom of President

de Gaulle's remark at the

foundation of the European

Community: "Europe is France and Germany. The

France and Germany are in

dose of glasnost to the Community's workings with-

close agreement over the kind

of adjustments needed to give

out upsetting the Maastricht

momentum towards federa-tion. That means spelling out

the meaning of subsidiarity, a

task that is proving complex,

and refusing any talk of revis-

ing the European monetary

rest are just vegetables.

ting the need for more "transparency" in the European Community law-making process, would fight for the Commission to retain its Mr Garei-Jones avoided trying to define subsidiarity, and said that the summit would

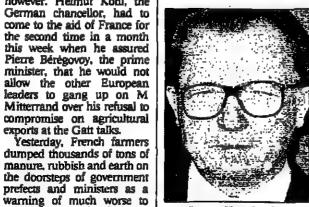
He said: "We are not seek-

He called for the Commun-

☐ London: At the Birmingham summit the heads of government will focus on three main issues: the ratification of the treaty, turbulence on the money markets and the dangers of hardship and starvation in former Yugoslavia this winter (Michael Binyon

This evening foreign ministers discuss the worsening situation in former Yugoslavia and Lord Owen, the EC nego tiator, will brief them on his efforts to enforce a no-fly zone over Bosnia.

Philip Howard, page 16



Delors offered prize to define subsidiarity

reflect on its progress to date.

Jones's reward. "Are we not going too fast?" asked M Delors rhetorically of the British call for a cooling-off per-iod. "Should we not have waited for three or four years? The response would have been 'yes' if the world had not changed so quickly. Without the treaty of European union what would we have made of German unification, of the liberalisation of the East, of economic and monetary difficulties? We did not have the choice."
Twisting the knife into the

British presidency, M Delors blamed "Euro-madness" largely on member states, which he accused of spoiling and altering Commission legislation. If anyone was meddling, he said, it was the Council of Ministers, whose meetings he described as "a closed shop where national egotisms clash". The speech indicated that at Birmingham. M Delors, while admit

have to address "openness and the protection of national identities". He spoke at length of the need to publicise the treaty and show it "in its true

ing to build a new superstate in Europe but neither do we want a loose association of nation states that just bump into one another from time to time to discuss some sort of commercial transactions. We are building a closer union and, yes, an ever closer union of free nations."

ity to be "less bureaucratic, less centralised, more open and more human", and spoke of a "frenzy" of legislation in recent years that had "moved us ahead of public opinion and understanding".

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# Rise of far right threatens Bonn's leading role in EC

exports at the Gatt talks.

the pact be ignored.

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BONN

THANKS to the mighty mark and the Bundesbank. its true defender. Germany will appear in Birmingham as the economic strongman of contemporary Europe. However, fears that this

will lead to a crude form of German political negemony are misplaced. For the probable course of German politics over the next few years means it is far more likely that Bonn will not be able to exercise any real leadership in Europe. The chief reason lies in the

rise of the German extreme right, not the neo-Nazi skinheads, but the "respectable" far right, of which the most important component is the Republican party. Its leaders are carefully distancing themselves from the skin-heads and middle-class vot-ers are increasingly accept-ing their discreet nationalism.

If, as is generally expected. the Republicans jump the 5 per cent hurdle and enter parliament in the 1994 elec-

■ The tradition of coalition politics is in danger from the growing 'respectable" vote for the extreme right

tions, they could make the traditional working of West German coalition politics temporarily impossible. If neither the Christian Democrats (CDU) nor the Social Democrats (SPD) — even in an alliance — can gain a parliamentary majority, the only course will be either a minority government toler-ated by the opposition or a 'grand coalition" of the

CDU and SPD. The arrival of the Republicans in parliament is bound to cause howls of alarm from the rest of Europe, and indeed within Germany it-self. These, however, would probably be misplaced. The Republicans strongly resemble Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front in France: they are foul, but they are not

German politicians are already taking the first tentative steps towards such a grand coalition. However, Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, is determined to lead the CDU to victory at the next elections, and could certainly not remain as leader of a grand coalition. Wolfgang Schäuble, leader of the Christian Democrats, and Volker Ruhe, the defence minister, are jockeying discreetly to succeed him.

In the view of Wilhelm Hankel, a banker writing for Der Spiegel magazine, "whoever, under whatever circumstances, lays a hand on the mark will be mercilessly voted out". According to the Maastricht schedule the creation of a single currency is due at the end of the 1990s. It would almost certainly be a key issue in the German elections due in 1998. These elections may also decide whether the Republicans prove a temporary selves in the German parliamentary landscape, forcing

its profound transformation.



Head for figures: Fernando Botaro, a Colombian sculptor, stands yesterday beside one of 30 of his works exhibited on the Champs Elysées in Paris. Other Botaro works are on display at the Grand Palais near by

# Farmers protest against French export cuts

By Charles Bremner

FRENCH farmers dumped thousands of tonnes of manure and earth outside govemment offices around the country and blocked roads yesterday, warning of worse to come if the Mitterrand administration yields to pressure from European Community

partners for cuts in food exports. The latest action by the farmers was also a sharp reminder to President Mitterrand two days before the Birmingham summit that any compromise over American demands in the Gatt trade talks will lead to violent insurrection. France tested its allies' patience earlier this week

when it obstructed an accord, supported by other EC members, which would have cleared the way to a new Gatt treaty on global trade. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, assured M Mitterrand that he understood his political predicament. After the farmers' rejection of Maastricht in the referendum and with the

government has almost no room for manoeuvre. Following up protests in the spring and early summer, farmers used hundreds of tractors and earth-moving equipment yesterday to cause havoc in town organised by the FNSEA, the

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF** Aids case reprieve

for Fabius Paris: An opposition attempt to impeach and try Laurent Fabius, the former French prime minister, and two other Socialist former ministers for their part in a scandal over

ional assembly's bureau. Four health officials are awaiting a verdict after being tried for negligence following the infection of hundreds of people. (Reuter)

Aids-contaminated blood was

rejected yesterday by the nat-

#### Lawyer acts

Amsterdam: Terrence Ford, a US lawyer, said he plans to sue Boeing on behalf of families of victims of the Amsterdam air jet hit their flats. (Reuter)

#### Vote for Patten

Hong Kong: The legislative council backed a proposal by Chris Patten, the governor, for democratic reform, giving him a boost before he tackles a Peking leadership hostile to his blueprint. (Reuter)

#### Amato gives in Rome: Italian trade union leaders won concessions from Giuliano Amato, the Socialist prime minister, on his harsh

#### 1993 budget package after their nationwide strike. Art charges

Nice: French officials have charged a second man in connection with the theft from a Riviera villa of four paintings worth £20 million. (Reuter)





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#### The Times guide to the Birmingham European Community Summit



Maastricht: Wants to be able to show the House of Commons that he has tamed the interfering legal octopus of the Commission but will only persuade his colleagues to agree general waffle. Gatt: Keen to succeed but cannot force France to agree has German helo. ERM: Admitted defeat on his attempt to discuss radical reform and will send this

HELMUT KOHL Maastricht: Serious about subsidiarity, but won't want to unset states nervous about too much change. Government making heavy weather of ratification which wilt finish in December. Gatt: Impatient with French force the pace with a summit agreement that a deal should be struck before US ERM: Happy with only

FRANÇOIS MITTERRAND Maastricht: Suspicious of subsidiarity and keen to wist Denmark's arm. Strongly against any require another ratification campaign in France. Gatt: Fearful that EC ators will back a deal which will trigger a full-scale ceasants revolt among French farmers and prepared ERM: Happy to postpone

ratification by 12 as soon as possible and curious about why Britain is so backward in putting the treaty through the Commons. Thinks subsidiarity is a gimmick. Gatt: Secretly sympathises with French doubts about the wisdom of doing a world trade deal with America now. ERM: Keen to put lira back in but knows he can't until government finds credible economic policy.

GIULIANO AMATO ...

FELIPE GONZALEZ Manatricht: Supports swift-reffication, not least because Spain will benefit from new "cohesion fund" in the treaty to channel money to poorest four EC states. Very wary of wee to crit down bower. Gain: Will go with the majority but worried about appearing to be builted by US.

ERM: Peseta only just holding its own and devalued in recent storm. Little bargaining RUUD LUBBERS Manetricht: Wants rapid ratification of treaty which he brokered at Dutch summit. but sympathetic to British and Danish problems. Urged Major to curb rumours of Gatt With an exporting sconomy and few care farmers under threat, badly its a deal soon. ERM: Guilder will join any currency zone which includes the deutschmark, so few ....

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# Major's chance to be a European hero

down for dinner in Birmingham this evening, their private talks may touch on the nightmare possibility that the Maastricht treaty may not come into force. But no such speculation will be on the summit agenda The European Community's

endless arguments over Maastricht are turning slightly surreal. Each time the EC's 12 governments meet, they solemnly reaffirm that each and every state will ratify an unchanged Maastricht treaty. Sometimes they even say that this should happen by the end of the year, although it has been clear for some months that Denmark will not hold a second referendum to reconsider its rejection of the treaty until well into next year. Meanwhile, governments rewrite the supposedly sacred text.

Theo Waigel, stood up in the Bundestag last week and calmly announced that MPs would hold a decisive vote before the German mark was merged into a single European currency. The point was repeated by Chancellor Kohl's defence minister, Volker Ruhe, over the weekend. In one sense, neither man was saying anything remarkable: every Eurocrat, economist and minister knows that if Germany decides to delay monetary union. everyone else will have to wait. The mark will be the core of a single currency just as it is the anchor of the exchange rate mechanism.

But neither Herr Waigel nor Herr Ruhe made any reference to the fact that the Masstricht treaty leaves no room for any German discretion over monetary union-Opt outs tacked onto the treaty only apply to Britain and Denmark. As a jaundiced Danish Eurocrat remarked the next day: "What we negotiated, Germany just takes."

This distinction is the bitter preoccupation of Danish politicians as they prepare not only for Birmingham but also for the more pivotal meeting in Edinburgh in early December. For Denmark will come under ever sharper pressure to fall back in line during this autumn. The ratification of the Maastricht treaty has released a torrent of grass-roots grumbles over European integration which the continent's politicians barely susSolemn statements of faith in the

Maastricht treaty hide political

machinations behind the scenes.

George Brock looks at the prime

minister's role in tomorrow's summit

round the table tomorrow are stuck with the web of compromises they wove in Maastricht last December. Political prestige and survival are at stake. President François Mitterrand might have survived a "No" vote in the French Maastricht referendum but barely: Chancellor Kohl would be damaged by the dissolution of the treaty's certainties. The French government, the

driving force since 1990 behind a

more suffocating embrace of Germany, is well aware that a

German government might neve again even make even a technical promise to abolish the mighty mark. Leaders comfort themselves that voters are rebelling for reasons which have nothing to do with Maastricht, and more to do with recessionary woes, boredom with worn-out governments and bewil-derment at the nit-picking detail of EC law generated by the last EC treaty revision before Maastricht.

command any more support than the present beleaguered document. Secondly, the Community could But to make Maastricht happen discontent has to be contained in Britain and Germany and the

split between a group of states wanting to integrate a la Maastricht and the laggards. The legal and political problems of achieving such an apparently logical solution are colossal. Lastly, and most likely, everyone will squeeze the Danes into dropping any idea of reopening the treaty.

Danes have to be persuaded back into the fold. This week, the opposition majority in the Copenhagen parliament began talking about wanting "legally binding" changes to the treaty. If the Danes

stick to such a demand at the

Edinburgh summit, the rest of the

Community faces three choices,

none appetising. Least likely, the leaders could decide to renegotiate

parts of the treaty, to open what one diplomat called "Pandora's can of

worms". The result would be

chaotic, divisive and might not

Success or failure will depend on Mr Major. If Britain has ratified the treaty by next February, 11 governments can threaten Denmark with isolation and exclusion and mean it. If Britain has not ratified, those menaces will ring hollow. For this reason, Mr Major will emerge from Birmingham in a surprisingly heroic light. There will be much talk of the personal Helmut": M Mitterrand will listen with equanimity, despite not believing in it, to Mr Major's lecture about the importance of a world trade deal.

The British government is not popular in EC capitals just now. Its ministers sound too agnostic about the treaty and are suspected of manipulating the powers of the Community presidency too much for their own ends. But to rescue Maastricht, Mr Major's fellow suramiteers need him to win in

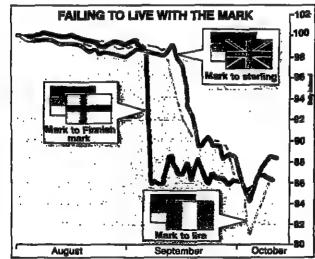
# Countdown to chaos

#### CURRENCIES

The exchange-rate mech-anism (ERM) was put in place in 1979 to provide a zone of currency stability in Europe. Although the Danish No vote to Masstricht in June produced the first unease in financial markets, the seeds of tension were planted in 1990 with German monetary union and the inflationary boom that followed. Britain's entry to the ERM

in October 1990 came when the German economy was on a divergent path from much of Europe, especially Britain, which was sliding into the longest recession since the war. While ERM membership allowed British inflation to be notched down steadily, tight German monetary policy barred the way to lower interest rates. The widening gap between falling American short-term interest rates and the high rates dictated by the Bundesbank provided a background tension by strengthening the mark. In July the Bundesbank upped the ante by raising its discount rate three quarters of a point to 8.75 per cent.

A sharp fall in the dollar on August 20 dragged the pound to a new low of DM2.8870. But central bank intervention to support the dollar only speeded up the dash into marks. Three days later, an opinion poll indicating a French No to Maastricht renewed pressure on the weaker ERM members. Norman Lamont sought to remove any "scintilla of doubt" that he would devalue sterling. France



again ruled out devaluation. To no avail. A £7.3 billion borrowing package to shore up sterling gave the pound a brief respite on September 3. But the following day, Italy had to raise interest rates to hold the lira. It soon became clear that the sheer volume of currency in the global, deregulated market could overwhelm any central bank defences.

inland was the first to give. Though outside the ERM, the Finnish markka was pegged to the ecu. The Finns unpegged on September 8 and devalued by 13 per cent. The Swedish krona. also linked to the ecu, saw a series of hikes that pushed interest rates to 500 per cent. The focus on the pound and the lira intensified. As massive intervention was not working. Germany and Italy agreed on September 13 to a 7 per cent devaluation of the lira with a

cut in key German lending rates. But the pound plunged back to its ERM floor. Largescale intervention and a belated two point rise in base rate failed on September 16 -"Black Wednesday" — to stem the tide. The pound and the lira were withdrawn "tempo-rarily" and allowed to float. The peseta devalued by 5 per cent. This week, the pound has held above DM2.50. Its old ERM central rate was

But the defence action for the French franc after the narrow Yes vote to Maastricht on September 20, and the uncertain timing of Italian and British re-entry to the ERM, appears to have made it likely that monetary union will be a multi-tier affair, built around a Franco-German core, plus Belgium and The Netherlands, in the front rank.

#### BRITAIN'S AIMS

ritain is unlikely to find Britain is unusery support from its European Community partthe Birmingham summit. It may be obliged to preside over a meeting that does no more than reaffirm the twelve's commitment to Maastricht and calls for a swift re-entry of sterling and the lira into the exchange-rate mechanism. France and Germany called

for an emergency summit in the wake of the currency turmoil that drove sterling out of the ERM. After the French referendum, and the wave of renewed opposition in the Conservative party to the Maastricht treaty, John Major also proposed a summit to look at ways of making Maastricht more acceptable to European - especially British public opinion.

Mr Major's main aim at Birmingham will be to give impetus to ratification by demonstrating that the Community has taken note of the Danish vote in June, the close result in France last month and the unease in Britain. Since the Danish referendum, and particularly since sterling's withdrawal from the

ERM four weeks ago, Mr Major has been on the defensive over the European Community and the Maastricht treaty. His predicament was underlined at last week's Tory conference when a sizeable section of the party's rankand-file, their passions stirred up by Lord Tebbit of Chingford, were hostile to almost anything with an EC label. So, having started his leadership promising to put Brit-ain at "the heart of Europe".

COLIN NARBROUGH Tory support indirectly by

# Ministers tread path strewn with hurdles

#### AFFICLE 3h ■ The Community shall

take action, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, only if and in so far as the objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the member states and can therefore. by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved by the Community.

playing the patriotic card to justify ratification. The inter-nal British argument has shifted to emphasising what the treaty prevents Brussels from doing - reversing the trend to centralisation and strengthening inter-governmental co-op-eration on foreign, defence

and security policy. The British presidency, however, has been rebuffed by most of its partners, who have insisted that they do not share Britain's doubts on Maastricht. They have opposed any attempt to modify the European monetary system (EMS). with Germany and France in particular insisting that Britain does not use the presidency to force changes other coun-

tries do not want. The rebuff to British propos-als has been made brutally clear to Mr Major and Douglas Hurd during their recent visits to EC capitals. Both have gradually retreated from their

#### COMMONS THE DALLER ■ The cabinet decided two weeks ago to press on with the

suspended committee stage of the ratification of Mass-tricht before a second Danish referendum.

Tomorrow, British ministers hope for a statement of principle on subsidiarity which will pacify their critics.

■ Mr Maior's first hurdle will be a promised "paving" debate on Europe to be held later this month or early next. Government business managers have not yet decided whether to start the committee stage of the bill before the Edinburgh summit or in January. This strategy depends on the Edinburgh summit producing some substance to back up current general intentions on subsidiarity.

earlier positions, and Britain is now concentrating instead on finding a formula on subsidiarity and other declarations that could help the Danes in holding a second referendum on Maastricht.

Mr Major's informal soundings among his partners are one reason why he has decided to nail his colours to the Maastricht mast, and confront his Euro-sceptic critics in the party. However, this has meant that the agenda for the Birmingham summit may now prove thinner than originally envisaged.

T o renegotiation of the treaty will be pro-posed; Britain will not put forward any radical over-haul of the EMS; and any declarations on limiting the Commission's powers and spelling out the decentralised nature of the Community will not be formally added to

Maastricht as a legal protocol. Britain's priorities for its six-month tenure of the presidencv — the successful completion of the Gatt talks, the preparation for the accession of new members and the final preparations for the single market were blown off course last month. Ministers have already had to accept that the inevitable concentration on Maastricht means that much

end of December. Mr Major is, however, still eager to press ahead, assuming agreement can be reached on how Britain and Denmark can ratify the treaty. The foreign office is hopeful that at Edinburgh a negotiating mandate can be agreed for talks with Sweden. Austria and other countries leading to enlargement.

of this original agenda is

unlikely to be agreed by the

The Danes are looking at Birmingham for political

statements governing the interpretation of the treaty. These could include a much expanded definition of subsid-iarity, a strong affirmation of continuing national control of possible opt-outs for Denmark from specific areas of Maas-

Mr Major will emphasise to his partners that Denmark cannot be builtied or cajoled. The summit will look at the white paper the Schluter government published last week on possible solutions to overcome the referendum's veto of Maastricht Mr Major will insist that only the Danes can decide how they will represent the issue to voters. The atmosphere at the summit will be strained. Mr Major will have dinner with Helmut Kohl this evening, but all aspects of relations with Germany suffered in the argument over the Bundesbank's role in sterling's devaluation. Britain is also suspicious that despite frequent official denials, influential officials in Germany, France and Benelux may still be looking at the possibility of a two-speed Europe.

Continental Europe is critical of the British presidency for being too partisan in its own interests. Norman Lamont has lost the confidence of virtually all his EC colleagues, and even Mr Hurd, a welltrusted foreign minister, is beset by differing opinions over what to do in the former Yugoslavia. Mr Major's task will be to persuade his colleagues that Birmingham will be a reaffirmation of his European commitment, not an attempt to use the present uncertainty to slow down the integration of the Community.

MICHAEL BINYON and PETER RIDDELL

# Second city flings open its doors with a shout of glee

ing up the cushions and straightening the antimacassars before some hoity-toity guests drop by for tea, Birmingham is in a frenzy of preparation, determined to make a good impression. "Having this kind of event in Bir-

ike an anxious family plump-

mingham happens once in a hundred years," Roger Taylor, the chief executive of Birmingham City Council told a let's-not-cock-thisone-up meeting of hoteliers, restaurateurs, taxi drivers and shopkeepers this week. "Just think about the effect of a successful summit."

After years of pestering politicians to hold annual conferences in Birmingham or even to spend just a couple of hours there, Britain's second city can hardly believe its luck in being given a chance to parade its new conference halls and buildings that are grimy or grim.

hotels to Europe's biggest bigwigs. to shed an image stained by the Bullring and Crossroads motel, a chance to enter the history books as, just maybe the Treaty of Birmingham takes its place alongside the Treaty of Maastricht The trouble is that Birming-

ham's city fathers know there is already a link between the two cities: many Britons sneer at both. only they have been sneering at Birmingham for much longer than they have at Maastricht. Having a top orchestra under Simon Rattle or the Birmingham Royal Ballet has done little to dispel prejudices.

are being scrubbed. In case bureaucrats get homesick, thousands of Plagued by a reputation for EC flags flap on new flagpoles. EC posters grace every shop window

for loops of traffic and for a precarious accent that requires Brummies to replace any vowel in a word with at least two other. randomly chosen vowels, Birmingham knows it is regarded as a national joke. Not a very amusing one at that. Even the French newspaper Le Monde took a crack at it a year ago, writing that "The children of Birmingham steal cars like their fathers made them." Handed an opportunity to reinvent itself, it is taking no chances. Those streets not being rebuilt

THEHOSTS

and bus shelter. The plywood walls that screen construction projects from passers-by have been painted blue and sprayed with a stencil that leaves them imprinted with a ring of 12 golden stars. Every patch of earth has been planted with blue and yellow pansies. No brass has been left unbuffed.

Estate agents have been asked to take down "For Sale" signs, lest outsiders should think Birmingham is anything but booming. Taxi drivers have been taught politeness and enough French to be able to say "I've 'ad that Jacques Delors in the back of my cab" and, "What, is tipping illegal in your country

The summit will be held in the new £180 million International Convention Centre (ICC), just four or five shopping malls away from the main railway station and built with the help of a £50 million EC grant. You can tell it has the latest in facilities because its vast internal concourse is planted with a forest of fully-grown trees, which keep you guessing about whether you have yet to enter the main building.

All other conference bookings for this week were cancelled, for security reasons, when Birmingham was told three weeks ago that it had been plucked for stardom and tomorrow's summit. Everything is set. The hope is that thousands of European officials and journalists will go home realising that Birmingham is not half as bad as they thought it was. But considering just how bad that was, it could still leave Brum deep in the dumps.

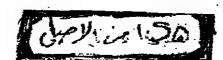
■ The summit will cost about £3 million — for the policing, the hire of the convention centre, the catering and all the related expenses. The bill will be picked up by the British taxpayer, the two-day Edinburgh summit in December, at the end of the British presidency, is expected to cost twice as much,

Each delegation will comprise 19 people, including the head of state or government. They will pay for their own accommodation though several leaders are expected to fly in on Friday morning and leave again that evening. The summit will be conducted in

the nine official languages of the Community. A team of 27 interpreters will be on hand for simultaneous translation of all the meetings another team will be available to translate all documents. The cost will be borne by the EC Commission.

About 1,700 journalists are already accredited for the summit. and several hundred more are expected to attend.

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Who needs to join Cholesterol Countdown next week? Heather Kirby finds a path through the hype

# Cholesterol: how low to go?

Low levels

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nstead of counting calories, we are now urged to count our level of cholesterol. Next Monday an eminent American heart specialist. Art Ulene, a famous football manager. Graeme Souness, and a former star of Channel 4's Brookside, John McArdle, will launch Cho-lesterol Countdown week on be-half of the Family Heart Association (FHA). Boots the Chemist is in the throes of an extensive advertising and public relations campaign to persuade us that knowing what our cholesterol level is is vital. But is it?

Not according to Desmond Julian, the medical director of the British Heart

Foundation. a charity which relies on voluntary contributions to fund research into heart disease. "I don't think a cholesterol count is a terribly useful thing to have and we don't approve of people testing themselves at home," he said. "I would not encour-

count their cholesterol unless there is a strong family history of coronary heart disease (CHD), or if they have diabetes or high blood pressure requiring treatment."

If you have a close relative who has died prematurely from CHD, or you have high blood pressure, diabetes, if you smoke, or are seriously overweight, a knowledge of your cholesterol level could be useful. Men are more likely to die of heart disease than women but even for them, Professor Julian says, the significance of their cholesterol level depends enormously on those other factors."

Cholesterol, an important compound in the composition of cell membranes, hormone production by the ovaries, testes and adrenal glands as well as the digestion of dietary fat, is measured in units called millimoles per litre or mmol/1. Just below or just above 5.2 mmol/1 is considered desirable although according to Professor Julian "a lot of extremely healthy people" have levels

below and above this figure. The average middle-aged adult in this country has a count of 6. A cholesterol count over 7.5, if combined with some of the other factors which can also include lack of exercise or severe stress, is suspected of adding to the risk of coronary heart disease (CHD).

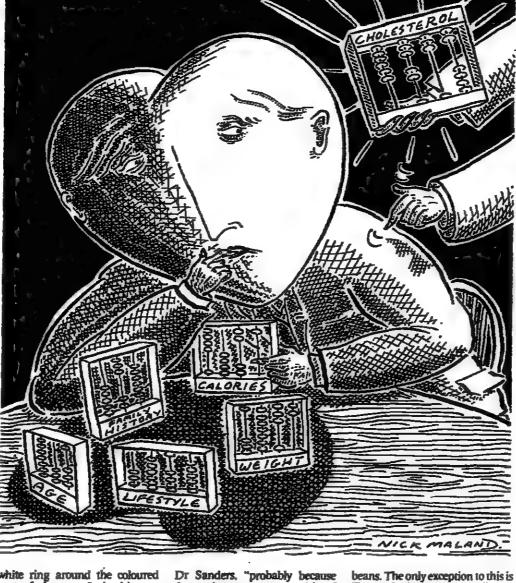
The Boots Home Cholesterol Test pack is fairly simple to use. A blood drop in a plastic counter left for 15 minutes dyes a measure-ment scale purple, but reading it is not easy. The purple indicator on the one I tried was clear up to a certain level then it petered out leaving me wondering which figure I should plump for where

the definition was certain, the tip of where it trailed off. or somewhere in between? .I chose the latter and it read 6.65. The blood test I had done at a local hospital was about the same, 6.5. The doctor translated this as in the low-risk category but the Boots kit warned that one other risk

factor took me into the medium risk band and with more than one, into high risk. Tom Sanders, a reader in

nutrition at King's College London, and the nutritional director of the FHA, said, "If your blood cholesterol level is above 6.5-7.5 you have a three times higher risk of heart disease. If you smoke and have high blood pressure as well as high cholester-ol, your risk of heart disease is eight to ten times higher." The average levels of cholesterol

do not compare with the one in 500 people who inherit familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH), an illness which is as common as insulin dependent diabetes. They would have a level of cholesterol between 10 and 15 mmol/1 and although there are normally no symptoms connected with average high cholesterol levels, FH can be recognised in a number of ways: cholesterol is deposited in the tendons on the back of the hand or in the Achilles tendons or a



white ring around the coloured part of the eye. It is this sec-tion of the public that the FHA. a charity funded by subscription,

People suffering from FH usually need drugs to control their cholesterol levels, but they also have to cut fat from their diet. Most people can lower their cholesterol level by cutting out saturated fat (see fact list) , although if their bodies do not respond some GPs will prescribe drugs. A 1 per cent reduction in blood cholesterol. Dr Sanders says, decreases the risk of CHD by 2 per cent: "For most middle-aged men, cholesterol would go down by 10, 15 or even 20 per cent if

After the menopause women often have higher blood cholester levels than men, although hormone replacement therapy decreases it by replacing lost pestrogen. In the over sixties a higher than average level is associ-ated with longevity according to Dr Sanders, "probably because those who were most at risk tof CHD) have already died".

Dr Mary Seed, a lipidologist at

the Charing Cross Hospital, London, says, "If you have a history of cardiovascular disease i would be important to know your cholesterol level but otherwise it would not be the first thing you would need to know. Exercise is likely to bring your cholesterol level because it almost certainly affects your lipid metabolism. We should eat more foods with Vitamin C and E in them because they prevent cholesterol being oxidised and damaging the arterial wall."

aturated fats, it is believed, slow down the rate at which cholesterol is removed from the blood stream by the liver. Besides saturated fats, coffee is also now considered to raise blood cholesterol. This has nothing to do with caffeine but probably the fats which occur naturally in coffee

filter coffee because, it is believed, the white filter paper absorbs fat.
To confuse the picture further, there is evidence that low cholesterol levels are also associated with a higher risk of death. A massive compilation of available data carried out in the US suggests that, for both men and women, cholesterol levels of less than 1.6 mg per ml are associated with increased risks of dying from cancer (up 20 per cent), digestive system diseases (up 50 per cent), respiratory system disease (up 15 per cent) and, curiously, accidental death (up 50 per cent)

In men, trials of cholesterolreducing drugs produce similar results, with reductions in heart deaths matched by increased deaths from other causes. These increases are statistically significant in the case of both cancer and death by injury (which includes accidents and suicide). The increase in accidental death is particularly striking, and lacks an

#### THE FACTS

Being overweight does not necessarily indicate high cholesterol. Storing fat on hips need have no adverse affect on the heart but the risk is pushed up dramatically for those with fat stored in "pigeon" chests. Aspirin and oily fish do not reduce cholesterol but may de-crease the likelihood of a blood clot in the coronary artery.

Alcohol, not more than three glasses of wine a day, probably protects the heart. Saturated fats, which may contribute to a high cholesterol level, are ones which solidify at room temperature.

Polyunsaturated fats (sunflower oil for example) are less harmful and mono-unsaturated fats (such as olive oil) are the least harmful. But "high in polyunsaturates" does not mean there is no saturated fat and an American report last week suggested that when polyunsaturated fats are converted into hard margarine they may

raise cholesterol levels.

The British Heart Foundation says that the following foods ought to be avoided if your cholesterol count is more than seven and you have other risk factors: butter, margarine, lard, cream, cheese, (except Edam, cottage cheese and from age frais), lamb, pork, beef, meat pies, poultry skin, cakes, biscuits, desserts and confectionery, coffee except filter (tea is OK), coconut or palm oil.

Foods which help to lower cholesterol by dispersing far oily fish such as herrings and sardines, all fruit and vegetables, soluble fibre such as peas, beans,

explanation, though low choles-terol may influence brain chemis-try, reducing the levels of the neurotransmitter serotonin and altering mood.

Anthony Keech, a cardiologist at the clinical trials service unit at the Radeliffe Infirmary. Oxford. says, "I think a high cholesterol level is probably the most important single cause of our biggest killer in middle age but unfortunately after 20 years of trials none has been big enough to answer with certainty whether there are any important hazards to lowering cholesterol

"Many types of cancer and other chronic diseases are now known to be connected with lower cholesterol and there is evidence that people with low cholesterol are at greater risk of suicide. However, we don't know if most of these conditions are lowering cholesterol or if lower cholesterol is causing the conditions. What we need is some large trials to resolve

# No option but to operate

Sometimes a Caesarean section is essential

7 hen a baby is lying across the womb during labour. its only exit is by Caesarean operation. A woman was ordered to have a Caesarean against her wishes this week, attempts to turn her baby externally having failed. Without in-tervention she risked womb rupture. leading to shock internal bleeding and possible death. The infant, which in this case did not survive, would have died of oxygen starvation as the walls of the womb closed in.

Medically, the need for intervention was obvious. But doctors disagree about how often Caesareans need to be performed. Some British hospitals have rates below 10 per cent, while others approach 20 per cent.

St George's Hospital in London, where Geoffrey Chamberlain is a professor of obstetries and gynaecology, has a rate of 16 per cent. Many of these are problem referrals, but Professor Chamberlain does not deny the divergence of opinion. For instance, some doctors feel that all breech births (where the baby is buttocks rather than head down in the womb) should be performed by Caesarean. The risks to the baby are greater if it is delivered vaginally." Professor Chamberlain says, "But you can make a case for a vaginal birth if the pelvis is a good size."

Some doctors prefer to intervene before things go wrong, and some take a wait-and-see policy. Some obstetricians would want to operate on a woman with high blood pressure because of the risk her baby may not be receiving enough placental oxygen. Caesarians can be elective, which means pre-planned by the woman's medical advisers, or result from emergencies either in pregnancy (for example, when the baby is not growing properly) or labour (such as when the lacenta breaks away from the wall of

Most operations involve a curved transverse incision made near the bikini line. Because the muscle fibres and other tissues are thinner here. recovery is likely to be quicker. However, women with fibroids, or heavy internal scarring from previous abdominal operations may need a classical operation involving a longer. horizontal incision and a slower healing time.
The old medical dictum — "once a

caesar, aiways a caesar" — no longer applies, provided the reason for the previous Caesarean is not expected to recur. Professor Chamberlain says.

ANN KENT

# Laser makes the kindest cut It's impossible to tell whose

DR SHLOMA Wallfish is hardly likely to be remembered as a medical pioneer of the stature of, for instance, Sir Alexander Fleming, but a report from Israel this week has hailed him as the first doctor to use a laser to perform circumcision.

When a schoolboy recently arrived in Israel from Russia the authorities were shocked to find that his parents had defied biblical law and had rejected the ritual circumcision on the eighth day on the grounds that as the boy had a rare bleeding tendency the operation would be dangerous. Dr Wallfish was called upon to clear up this impasse - he used a laser which would cut without inducing bleeding.
Before the second world war circum-

cision was often a concealed status symbol in Britain, denoting that a boy had come from the affluent middle classes: this aspect of the procedure has remained, but to a lesser extent, in America: whereas sociologists have detected no class or economic differences between the circumcised and uncircumcised in Australia.

A generation ago, parents in Australia were almost equally divided in their approach: as a result boys from that era, now adults, provide an excellent group

Dyspeptic's

THE knowledge that alum-inium was involved in the pathological changes seen in the brains of patients suffering from Alzheimer's

disease was disturbing for those who need antacid indi-gestion tablets, many of

which contain aluminium

Nor was any dyspeptic

cheered by reports from

America last year that there

was indeed some slight, cir-

dilemma



**MEDICAL** BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

in which to study the medical consequences of circumcision. Research in Australia has shown that there is no sexually transmitted disease which is not more readily spread to the uncircumcised. Similar results have come from Africa, where it has been shown that men from uncircumcised tribes catch HIV up to eight times more readily than the circumcised, and where the incidence of penile cancer in uncircumcised men can account for 10 per cent of all

male cancers. It has long been accepted that circumcision in early childhood saves the adult, of whatever race, from any risk of later developing penile cancer. But as in the Western world this cancer accounts only for 0.1 per cent of male cancers there must be factors in addition to lack of circumcision involved

in the high incidence among uncircumcised Africans.

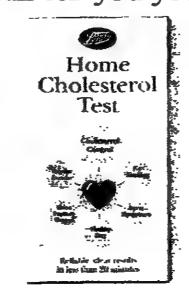
Paediatricians quite rightly feel that it is undesirable to expect a baby who has just survived birth to have to withstand the not insignificant risk of haemorrhage or infection. To them the procedure seems pointless, unless the opening in the foreskin is too small to allow the free passage of urine, or, once toddlerhood is over, the foreskin will not

retract. Those who condemn circumcision on aesthetic grounds also show little regard for function. A few years ago a survey conducted among prostitutes, whose opinion on male sexual performance is unlikely to be influenced by emotion, showed that more than 90 per cent preferred intercourse with a circumcised man, both on the grounds of cleanliness and function.

Paediatricians sit in judgment on the future of the foreskin but as they only see the male when the sex organs have no sexual role their conclusions may be suspect. In these more promiscuous days, when society is haunted by HIV and herpes, perhaps the decision should be more influenced by doctors who look after the genitalia when they are fulfilling their adult purpose.

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was associated with Alzheimer's. More encouraging re-search by Dr Edgar Miller, the president of the British Psychological Society, has shown that over a two-year

period, albeit a short term, WINSTON Churchill was a great catnapper, proud of his

ability to seize a few hours sleep and wake as refreshed as if he had had a full eight hours. It is not necessary to be a great war leader to enjoy a siesta after a good meal; but the afternoon snoozer should not feel that the habit is ssarily a recipe for a long

For some years it has been known that the most danger-ous time of the day for those with incipient coronary arterial disease is the hour or two in the morning after waking: there is no difference in memory loss between antacmore sound digestion.

id users and those with a For patients with severe, or recurrent, oesophagitis (heartburn) Losec omeptaz-

Wake up to the danger

research now suggests that similar hazards, a rise in blood pressure, heart rate and an increase in the stickiness of the platelets, the small cells involved in clotting, also face people who wake from a

quick kip during the day.

Pulse magazine reports that research by Dr David Mulcahy, of London's National Heart, Lung and Chest is reported that next year lansoprazole, a drug from the same group, is likely to be available in this country. its makers claim that it gives even faster relief of pain. Hospital, shows that waking from a post-prandial nap is

ole is remarkably effective. It

accompanied by a surge in blood pressure and an increase in pulse rate. Other recent research has

indicated that although a daily aspirin may do more harm than good for those not at risk from a heart attack, it has a dramatic effect on the life expectancy of anybody who is. Dr Mulcahy's study suggests that, for most people, the aspirin should be taken at night so as to give maximum cover during the waking hour or two.

John Foster, the team lead moving," Mr. Foster said.

#### ■ Defining the S-word is driving some people bananas, but I can easily undercut M Delors' offer

claim my £140,000. Yesterday Jacques Delors offered this tidy sum in ecus as a prize for whoever could define on a single piece of paper the bogey word of subsidiarity, which has got the European Commission and the rest of us into such a mess of moules. I am not sure about the job in Brussels, which he also offers as part of the prize for the winner. Wonderful galleries, of course, from Rubens to Magritte; delicious food in piggish quantities; and the Ardennes on your doorstep. It even has a replica of our own dear Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens. But the Paris of the Belgians has been destroyed by the motor car and Eurocrais, and it lacks the fire and brimstone and panache of Paris. As Auden put it: "O beautiful City of Brussels, with your parks and statues and boites, where they really know how to cook mussels . . . ", before lapsing into unprintability. So, no thanks, all the same, for the job, M President. But here goes for the dosh.

That 12-letter S-word is still driving us all bananas, as we come up to the Birmingham summit. "I is bust, dear diary in an EC sausage". 12 letters, and it's that bloody word subsidiarity again. For those of weak character its appearance on a page is enough to make them turn up their eyes and turn over hastily. Lawyers assert that the clause in the Maastricht treaty defining it contains at least two contrary definitions. Mrs Thatcher describes subsidiarity as gobbledegook. This is a word that carries on boring and boring, in the parliaments and leader columns of Europe.

Let us see whether we can discover any common sense in the linguistics of the dread word. It is long and Latinate, and very new. It was Invented as a term of Roman Catholic jargon 61 years ago. A Roman Catholic exegete said airily the other day: "Oh, you should understand it, Philip. It is the Latin word for a legion that was detached and posted to a territory, with local autonomy to manage its own affairs without reference to higher authority." I could not remember any of that in Caesar. And I can find no trace of such a use in the classical sources.

hat subsidium means in classical Latin is reserve troops, a body of soldiers withheld from action as a reinforcement for the front line. For example, here is J. Caesar on campaign: "But the Tenth Legion, which had been stationed on slightly more level ground as a subsidium or reinforcement, slowed down the Gauls who were advancing in a pretty undisciplined way." Reserve troops, reinforcement, or more generally help is not the meaning required by the EC.

Roman Catholic Latin is as odd as Roman Catholic theology is pedantic. Both can on rare occasions be terse and lucid. Father Agnellus Andrew, the British Franciscan who was the BBC's adviser on Roman Catholic affairs, was once asked by a producer how he could ascertain the official Roman Catholic view of heaven and hell for a programme on the subject. Father Andrew's memo in reply was a model of monosyllabic condensed sense: "Die." Would that all Roman Catholic apologetics and all EC directives were similarly intelligible and pungent.

The S-word was coined for Pope Pius XI in 1931, though the idea goes back to Rerum Novarum, Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical. It was updated in Quadragesimo Anno in 1931, to lay down the law about hierarchy and the role of the state, in this case notoriously a fascist one. The pope was translating the German word subsidiaritat, which is derived from the adjective of the Latin subsidium, and means "of troops acting as the reserve to reinforce the front line". What Pope Pius pronounced was: "Of its very nature, the true aim of all social activity should be to help individual members of the social body, but never to destroy or absorb them."

I he theologians worked over the gruesome new jargon like Jack Russells wortying a squirrel. Here is one of their more penetrable definitions: "According to the doctrine of subsidiarity, as developed in various papal encyclicals, social problems should be dealt with at the most immediate (or local) level consistent with their solution." About ten years ago the EC unwisely picked up the Roman Catholic jargon for its own purposes. The wilder shores of theology are better left to theologians, who get centuries of pleasure out of such gobbledegook.

One of the first attempts to pin down the novel EC use was made by The Times, with characteristic robustness and clarity: "The principle of subsidiarity - a meaningless or even misleading phrase in English - is being discussed in the European Parliament in connection with eventual revision of the Treaty of Rome. It is defined to mean that the European Community's activities should be limited to those which are better performed in common than by member states individually."

The short, unhappy life of the word "subsidiarity" is an awful warning against politicians trying to blind folk with clever lingo, and against borrowing that lingo from the Jesuitical pedantries of the Roman Catholic Church. All the word means is federal. The central authority has a subsidiary function, performing only those jobs that cannot be done effectively at a more immediate or local level. Instead of borrowing this long and suspicious word, the Euronomasis would have done better to explain that federations are not necessarily bad They come in all sizes and strengths, from the mildest (as of course the United Kingdom is) to the nastiest, like the old Soviet Union.

Subsidiarity is a classic example of a jargon word invented to bluff outsiders that something important is being conveyed. Precise meaning for the woolly notion of subsidiarity is going to have to be legislated by lawyers. The rest of us must grit our teeth and learn to live with the daft word.

# A court-ordered caesarean poses the question how far society can go to save lives, says Alex McCall Smith

patient to undergo medical treatment against that person's will? Those concerned with medical ethics Would usually say that it cannot. except where the patient is mentally incompetent or too young to understand. Lawyers, on the whole, would say the same thing, arguing that the integrity of the human body is not to be violated, no matter how serious is the threat to health. On these grounds one should be able to refuse a blood

transfusion, decline food and

water, or reject any life-saving

procedure one does not want.

These are important freedoms,

taken seriously by the law. This week's decision to authorize the performance of a caesarean section on an unwilling patient is an alarming exception to the protection which the law normally affords those who do not want medical treatment. The circumstances of the case were unusual: a pregnant woman had refused the caesarean delivery of her baby on religious grounds, in spite of the

Law, liberty and maternity impossibility of the child being born naturally. The potential consequences of such a refusal are, of course, serious. Not only is the life of the unborn child threatened, but other children

of the family might be left

motherless should the mother

herself die. Most rational people

would therefore see such con-

duct as folly of the highest order.

Why let an unborn baby die to

satisfy a mother's objection to a relatively straightforward medi-The consequentialist approach to this is robust. The life of the unborn child is at stake, and in such a case the mother's right to control her treatment is outweighed by the child's interest in being born alive. In any conflict between a life and the right of people to make their own decisions about their bodies, the protection of the life

ought to win.

It is easy to see the attractiveness of this position, but one should not accept it too readily. If the mother's right to refuse an operation is outweighed by the child's interest in being born alive, then the implications of this for abortion are very considerable. In addition, to deny a pregnant woman the control over her body which is normally enjoyed by anybody else, is to compromise her personal autonomy in a very significant way. If caesareans can be ordered over the woman's objection, then what other interventionist steps may be justified? Are we to use the coercive powers of the state to stop women drinking, smoking, or abusing drugs? Such conduct threatens the health of the

foctus, and might even threaten

its life, but it would constitute a

major inroad into personal free-dom if we were to say that

pregnant women cannot engage in risky or unhealthy behaviour.

The issue of state intervention in maternal behaviour is a relatively new one in this country but it has become familiar in the United States. As long ago as the mid 1960s, American courts showed themselves willing to order compulsory medical treatment when pregnant women were refusing to follow medical advice. The motives for such intervention were, no doubt, good ones, but the effect of such decisions was distinctly sinister. Women who resisted blood transfusions on religious grounds were required to have them, and in several disastrous cases women were subjected to enforced caesareans. In one particularly distressing case a mother who was petrified of compulsory surgery went into hiding in order to have her

baby. Yet the awful spectre remains of pregnant women being hounded by those determined to have them submit to something which they, for whatever reason, wish to avoid. It may come as no surprise to learn that in a study of these legally-enforced operations, the women concerned were shown to be badly-educated, poor, and vulnerable. Either the articulate and well-represented always saw reason, as presented to them by their doctors, or were

not thought to be easy targets.
In this country there are few cases in which the issue has arisen. In one case an attempt was made to have a foems declared a ward of court in order to control the feckless hehaviour of a pregnant woman who declined to lead a safe inestyle. This failed, the court taking the sensible view that this would constitute an unwarrant-

freedom. By contrast, several more recent cases have shown a tendency to favour non-consensual treatment. In one of these cases a blood transfusion was authorized in the face of 2 patient's alleged religious objection. Here the court said that although everybody has a right to refuse treatment, such a refusal must be the product of rational reflection, which was lacking in this case.

Pregnant women should be afforded the normal courtesies when they make decisions about their health. They must be entitled to refuse treatment. even if their refusal is dangerous to them and to the focus they carry. If their conduct causes the death of the foetus, then that is a matter for their conscience, and it should weigh very heavily indeed. The consequences of allowing compulsory treatment, though, are just too unattractive to accept.

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ies: among his many "firsts" were the first full texts of the

broadcasts which P.G. Wode-

house gave in Nazi Germany,

and from which Wodehouse got

dreadful and long-lasting op-

probrium, though they were as

those who fought the good fight,

and though he is 72 there is no

the symposium was masterly.

not least because the enormous-

ly wide spectrum of participants

was even wide enough to en-

compass a figure who had been

one of the oppressors in East

Germany. I was invited, I

the Cold War PBL Among the

brass. I was a mere footslogger.

but I had had the good fortune

to serve under editors wise

enough to let me have my head,

Mel was emphatically one of

innocent as he was.

# Encountering ghosts in Berlin

had not been in Berlin for many years, and the shock was considerable. The greatest cities always get worse, though I don't know why; in particular their great boulevards are steadily ruined not by traffic or shoppers but ber the beauty and elegance of the Champs Elysees before it became a hideous refuse-dump? I can; and I can also remember the Kalversstraat in Amsterdam, where today a jostled walk down it would cause you to shudder, even before the drugpeddlers began to tug at your leaves; and nearer home, what

about the vile thing that is

Oxford Street?

So I steeled myself to revisit the Ku'dam, and needed all the steeling I could find. Berlin, though, has a better excuse than most. The fall of the Wall was one of the greatest moments in all history, but it has brought dreadful problems with the rejoicing. I was staying in the ehemalige East Berlin, which seems to have spread its sullen misery over the West, though surely it ought to be the other way round. Roadworks are everywhere, but the streets of the East still bear the names of the great swines of communism; imagine having to admit that you live in the Grotewohlstrasse even Marx-Engels Platz would be preferable. Along the Unter den Linden the women of the Yugoslav refugees sit begging, while their menfolk have

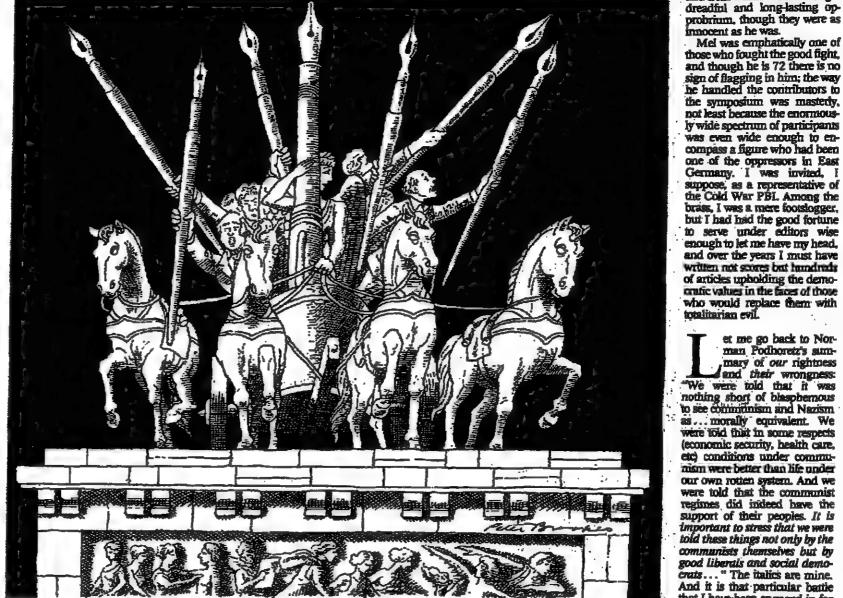
revived — of all things — the

And what was I doing in

three-card trick.

Berlin? Well, first, I wanted to walk freely through the Brandenburger Tor, which on my last visit had been made impossible by the edicts of wickedness. But my main purpose was to take part in a conference titled "A Last Encounter with the Cold War. And those in the conference, assembled in the Palais am Festungsgraben (made much more delicious for the knowledge that it used to house the Soviet Friendship Society), were the motley army which, without a shot fired, fought for the truth against lies, for reality against mirages, for steadfastness against capitulation, for civilisation against barbarism, for the peaceful word against the brutal blow, for applauding courage against excusing cowardice, for - put most simply - democracy against tyranny. And we were right emirely completely prov-ably, joyfully, patiently and truthfully right. One of the eading figures in the army of

Bernard Levin salutes the cold warriors, whose war is still not won



truth Podhoretz, who summed it up: "We said - and never stopped saying — that communism was... no less evil than Nazism. We said - and never stopped saying - that communism had brought nothing but murder, political oppression, cultural starvation, and economic misery to the countries forced to suffer under its rule. We said - and never stopped saying - that no people had ever freely decided to live under communism, or ever would if given a choice. On all these points... we were not only opposed but were sneered at, ridiculed and defamed . . .

And now we could rejoice,

however many fearsome problems and horrors have come to the surface from the collanse of communism. Our ranks, alas, had been thinned by death; men like Sidney Hook, Tibor Szamuely, Arthur Koestler, Charles Douglas-Home, Raymond Aron are no more. But as I looked around the conference

chamber, I saw a host of those who fought the good fight. The heavy artillery came from Robert Conquest; his massively authoritative book The Great Terror documented Stalin's maniac slaughter. The infinitely staunch Leo Labedz, with his meticulously accurate magazine Survey, poured more fire on the enemy. From the Antipodes (the

Australians were particularly staunch) came Peter Coleman with the splendid magazine, Quadrant, a rallying-place for the truth. From the United States, where - more than anywhere else - cowardice, mendacity and dishonesty joined hands to do down the truth, came Irving Kristol, Gertrude Himmelfarb, Richard Pipes, Edward Shils; from Hell. came Vladimir Bukovsky; and it was particularly moving to see the frail form of Francois Bondy, helped on to the platform, his fire still burning bright. And we must never forget the men and women of Radio Liberty and Radio Free

And over the revels, there presided Melvyn Lasky his beard sharp enough to stab any fellow-traveller, his mighty ar-chives shelved in his head, and the reason we were all there. Mel was for almost all its life the editor of Encounter, the proverbial tiny candle that no amount of darkness could put out. It is often regarded as a wholly political, even polemical, organ, but that is an illusion; culture in its widest definition described Encounter, and par-ficularly the culture that our enemies would destroy. Among the graver questions of the hour he published short stories, poems, the battles of historians,

and over the years I must have written not scores but hundreds of articles upholding the democratic values in the faces of those who would replace them with man Podhoreiz's sum-, mary of our rightness and their wrongness: "We were told that it was nothing short of blasphemous to see communism and Nazism as ... morally equivalent. We were told that in some respects (economic security, health care, etc) conditions under commumism were better than life under our own rotten system. And we were told that the communist regimes did indeed have the support of their peoples. It is Important to stress that we were told these things not only by the communists themselves but by good liberals and social democrats..." The italics are mine.
And it is that particular battle that I have been engaged in for what must now be nearly 40 years. Can it be true that orders for my demob have been issued, that even Mel Lasky can call it a day? Well, communism has not only been overthrown, but its unmitigated emptiness has been demonstrated beyond ar-

gument. But even as I bend down to take off my boots, the

bugle sounds. I had forgotten

China; at this very moment a

huge throng of commentators

on these matters are preparing

to argue that although Soviet communism is indeed dis-

graced, Chinese communism is

different - permitting free

speech, giving its people a high standard of living, and without

the cult of personality. Fall in;

you too, MeL

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# Sssh! Silver for sale

ONE of Bond Street's most firmly established jewellers has fashioned a "discreet" lifeline for Lloyd's names who wish to sell their family silver. Aristocrais of every hue have been queuing to use the new service at Tessiers, the 200-year-old family jewellers.

Among the items changing hands, Tessiers say, are silver

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collections from some of Britain's best known stately homes. though the firm will not say which ones they are.

Lloyd's has some 22,000 names, many of whom have

incurred six-figure losses. Among those who have lost money in the Lloyd's disaster although that is not to say they have used Tessiers' services are Sir Edward Heath, Susan Hampshire, Adnan Khashoggi, Sir John Baring, Buster Mottram, Viscount Norwich, the Tory MP Paul Marland, Dame Shirley Porter, and Sir Freddie Laker.

Tim Watkins, managing di-rector of Tessiers, says: "The mere fact that we have had to set up this service is a sign that the recession has struck at the very heart of the British establishment. High interest rates, business failures and the problems at Lloyd's have meant the effect of the recession is being felt across the board. It is old and new money that is affected."

Many arrive in tears at the Tessiers' office. The firm's shop in New Bond Street reopens next month after a five-month renovation programme. "I can't give you names. Many are deeply embarrassed at the need to approach us. We do all we can to make them feel at ease. Often, if they have many things to sell, we will go to their home. If they come to us we talk to them in a private office," Watkins says. "We are well connected to the establishment. People



Watkins, whose customers include members of the royal

The most expensive item to be sold to meet debts was a £50,000 diamond, he says. Many of the family heirlooms will, alas, be sold abroad. But then Tessiers first made money selling jewels owned by nervous aristocrats during the French Revolution. Plus ça change.

#### Black dogs

WHEN is a walk-out not a walk-out? Ian McEwan and his publishers, Jonathan Cape, are not entirely sure. McEwan, who was shortlisted for the Booker prize, left Guildhall with his publishing entourage shortly after hearing that he had not won the prize.

Unfortunately the group forgot to consult their programmes for the evening which clearly

judges, Victoria Glendinning, and the chairman of Booker, Sir Michael Caine, were still due to speak. They also failed to appear at the subsequent publishers' party at the Groucho

"It's very embarrassing, really." says Rachel Kerr, publicity director for Cape. "We have been to the Booker for years and dearly know the form, but we simply forgot that there was more to come. Tom Maschler had invited us all back to his house for a drink and so we

Does Booker view this as a breach of etiquette? "Obviously it is nice if an author stays until the end," says Christine Shaw, publicity director. "As to whether this was deemed a walkout or whether it offended us, then the answer is no."

• With their money halved by the joint prize, the Booker win-

ners were not planning anything too extravagant yesterday.
"I think much of it will certainly go to paying off my parking tick-ets in Toronto," said Michael

a vast range of literary discover-

Barry Unsworth, meanwhile has decided that the money should go towards his adopted home in the Umbrian hills of italy. "I shall spend it on an ar-tesian well which we desperately need. You could say I shall be sinking my money into a deep hole, I suppose."

#### Coal facer

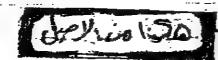
WITH 30,000 miners losing their jobs, Arthur Scargill's own employment prospects also look less than rosy. With a union reduced to barely 20,000 members from its peak of 718,000 in 1947, Scargill will find it almost impossible to sustain the NUM as a separate entity and merger with a larger union looks meymable

There is only one problem: whatever sympathy his colleagues in other unions are showing in the miners' current plight, none of them is keen to have Scargill in their own unions. The NUM has been in on-off talks with other unions, notably the largest of them all, the TGWU, for some time, So far they have foundered, not

merely on Scargill's own abrasive personality but also on his personal terms and conditions. One plan long mooted at Transport House is that under a merger Scargill would become a TGWU regional officer based in Sheffield. But a guarantee that Scargilly that Scargill's own wages and perks should be ring-fenced would have left the NUM boss on a salary in excess of £50,000, considerably more than that of Bill Morris, the TGWU general secretary, and £20,000 more than the union's other regional

The irony cannot be lost on miners who face the bleak prospect of the dole queue. In his ten-year tenure as union leader Scargill has never successfully negotiated a single pay rise for his own members.

● Lord Derwent, chairman of the London and Provincial Antique Dealers' Association, is to be congratulated for making the world of Lovejoy more consumer friendly by introducing a code of practice. However, this does not extend as far as requiring antique short to diplot the ing antique shops to diplay the price on every object. The commitment was dropped when dealers pointed out that it would merely make it easier for antiques thieves to select the choicest items





# THE TASK AT BIRMINGHAM

Mr Major must stop pretending Maastricht is acceptable

SENSE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

■ The poorest should not pay for government incompetence

When tomorrow's EC summit was announced last month, community leaders were wringing their hands, acknowledging their voters' revolt against their blueprint for a European Union and promising early remedial action. Today, there is the unmistakable sound of handwashing. No politician has proposals radical enough to restore the EC's lost élan; and nobody, of course, is to blame. It is hard to have high hopes for an emergency summit for which not even the host appears to have a strategy.

As originally advertised, the immediate tasks for the EC's leaders were to review the workings of the ERM and to start meeting Danish objections to Maastricht. Above all. the summit was to address the upsurge of popular anxieties about losing national identity in a bureaucratic superstate.

ERM reform now appears to be off the agenda, and there will be no more than a peek at the Danish problem. As for the gulf between Europe's politicians and their disaffected electorates, Jacques Delors has vacuously exhorted the Twelve to "leave Birmingham with a renewed enthusiasm for a common European family".

As host, John Major appears to be making the worst of what cards he holds. First, he trumpeted his determination to make ERM reform his priority. He must have known this would find scant support. Second, by joining the Franco-German chorus and insisting that Maastricht must be ratified unaltered, he has blocked sensible discussion of the Danish problem.

Mr Major still hopes to oil Maastricht's passage with a liberal dose of subsidiarity: a careful redefinition of the respective powers of national governments and EC institutions. Ambitiously defined, this could become a strategy; but not unless these curbs are clearly attached to Maastricht and firmly govern its interpretation. Whatever name is given to such an agreement, negotiating its

As the government slumps in power and

popularity, avoidance of flying mud be-

comes a top ministerial priority. This is not a

time for winning glory, it seems, but for

keeping heads down, dodging responsibility

and ensuring that, whenever there is

opprobrium to be had, someone else has it.

not the cabinet member most beloved by his

colleagues. He is seen as a junior, as a

Thatcherite, as a secret opponent of the

Maastricht treaty and thus as a suitable fall

cuts are emerging from the early discussions

on public spending. There is pressure for

help the poor rather than on benefits univer-

sally available. Ministers want to avoid the

need for emergency legislation to curb pen-

sions or child benefit: forcing Mr Lilley to

announce clearly unfair cuts is a small price.

when unemployment is approaching levels

of nearly 3 million and the government is

stubbornly refusing to take action to spur

recovery. The higher-than-expected number

of people out of work will cost the Exchequer

£3-4 billion more than was planned for in

Last year's public spending plans allowed for average unemployment of 2.4 million in

each of the next three years. The actual level

could rise towards 4 million if the govern-

ment does not match its tight public

spending plans with a big easing of

Savings in the social security budget are.

sadly, necessary. Mr Lilley made it clear in

his party conference speech that his depart-

ment could not be immune from public

spending cuts. But those on the public

spending cabinet committee who are hostile

Nigel Kennedy, whose stubbled grin and

Cockney-lad persona introduced some

harmless fun into the stuffier realms of

music, is hanging up his fiddle at the age of

35. Or rather, he will play only rock or jazz to

a live audience, and reserve his classical

The haughty guardians of "serious"

music-making will now be claiming good riddance, and hoping that Kennedy does

not spend the next 30 years alternating

profitably between farewells and comebacks.

best. Kennedy never had the single-minded.

masochistic drive to achieve absolute tech-

nical perfection. But he is an individualist.

The music business of today, regimented

and soulless, has already drummed out too

Like his early mentor, Yehudi Menuhin,

Kennedy was a child prodigy. Like Menu-

hin, he was subjected to a hothouse educa-

tion, designed more as a fast track to the

concert platform than as a way of developing

a rounded personality. Kennedy's autobio-

graphy refers frankly to this; whereas Menu-

hin speaks of the "untarnished happiness"

of his youth. But Menuhin also struggled on for decades after he, and his audiences,

knew he was past his peak. Kennedy is wise

Kennedy and Menuhin both emerged

Others will be sorry. Compared with the

muse for the recording studio.

many of his ilk.

to avoid such a mistake.

next year's social security budget.

monetary policy.

It is bad enough that any benefits be cut

Disturbing rumours about social-security

guy for the government's problems.

The social services secretary. Peter Lilley, is

terms must in practice mean reopening the debate on what precisely is intended by Maastricht's proclaimed European Union.

Mr Major would prefer to think this battle done. But the EC is rudderless precisely because politicians insist that debate is over and their publics insist on thinking it has just begun. Mr Major cannot honestly claim to have curbed the Commission's powers if he shrinks from a binding definition of what they are. Nor can he seriously believe that a mere gentleman's agreement on subsidiarity will surmount the constitutional and political hurdles facing Denmark. The Danish government cannot legally resubmit Maastricht unchanged to its voters; and the Danish opposition is united that any changes must be legally binding.

Prior to Birmingham, British ministers

have been begging for ideas round Europe almost as mendicants. Help is at hand, from an unexpected quarter. Albeit with the aim of preserving its sole right to draft EC legislation, the Commission has been discussing detailed, radical proposals for the division of powers. The Commission is deadlocked; the politicians must take over.

Mr Major could make his own some of the draft's guiding principles: that power lies with member states "as a rule" and that there must be agreed, demonstrable gains from acting on an EC-wide basis. And he should challenge François Mitterrand and Helmut Kohl to stop pretending that the road is clear to ratifying Maastricht.

Weeks of negotiation lie ahead. That is why, at Birmingham, Mr Major's task is less to parade Britain at the heart of Europe, than to show that the heart can still pump new life into the EC. He has wasted three months of the presidency repeating what Maastricht does not mean for Britain. He must now lift his eyes from saving Maastricht (and his own face) to saving Europe from the consequences of the treaty's defects.

to his views on Europe are apparently

determined to make him roast in public

disapproval by inflicting cuts on his depart-

ment that will be hard to defend politically.

most particularly when the effects will fall on

those least able to defend themselves.

Moreover to pay for the Treasury's incom-

petence by reducing means-tested benefits

such as family credit and income support for

the poorest families and old age pensioners

would be not just socially inequitable but

There are indeed arguments for rethink-

ing the basis of social security policy. John

Smith, the Labour leader, is to set up a social

help those in need. Even some thinkers on

the left are beginning to question the

rationale for universal benefits such as state

pensions and child benefit, particularly now

that so many retired people earn occupa-

Meanwhile, some of the problems of

means-tested benefits can now be reduced.

Their take-up could be improved if the

benefits system were to be integrated with

the new computerised tax system. And the

poverty trap could be addressed by allowing.

benefit recipients to earn a little on the side

before their benefits are reduced, and then

not taking benefits away pound for pound.

There is even a case for paying family credit

to the mother rather than the father, if that

were done, one of the main advantages of

But any switch from universal to means-

tested benefit would best take place in a

considered fashion, not as a panic reaction

to an economic crisis. The most extraor-

dinary feature of the rumours circulating

about social security cuts is that they move in

pushed into the harsh glare of fame as

children. An alarming number of brilliant

child musicians suffered mental difficulties

later in life: the emotionally infantile

Vladimir Horowitz, the psychiatrist-ad-

dicted Claudio Arrau, the pathologically

reclusive Glenn Gould, the terminally

But how do the brilliant children of

yesterday, who produced their best work at

an age when intuition was uncomplicated by

fear or sophistry, face a lifetime of decline?

Do they follow Rossini, who wrote the last of

his many operas at 37 and then spent 40

years in blissful retirement? Or do they

emulate Mendelssohn, who laboured wor-

thily at oratorios to uplift Queen Victoria but

never recaptured the divine spark that had

led him, at the age of 15, to that miracle, the

The dilemma of early peaking is not

confined to the arts. There are few sadder

sights than a 17-year-old former gymnastics

champion, her supple physique already too

womanly for the cruel challenge of the

beam. And the scientific community is at

present digesting the mournful statistic that

the majority of Nobel prizewinners in

physics and chemistry did their most

important research in their twenties and

thirties. The misery of the phenomenally

gifted! At least the only averagely gifted can

be consoled that their best is yet to come.

Midsummer Night's Dream overture?

depressed Sergei Rachmaninov.

child benefit would disappear.

the opposite direction.

A MAN FOR FOUR SEASONS

■ Talent for Vivaldi cannot always last a lifetime

economically wrong.

tional pensions too.

Vindictiveness is no way to run a policy,

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#### Plugging holes in the ozone layer

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace UK

Sir. The Times has thankfully broken the silence over the perilous state of the ozone layer (report and illustration, October 12). The urgency expressed by scientists contrasts sharply with the Crisis, what crisis?" attitude of the policymakers as they approach November's international meeting on the Montreal Protocol on protecting

The proposed amendment to the protocol will allow developed countries to continue to produce ozone-destroying HCFC (hydrochlorofluorocarbon) chemicals for 27 more years. A further ten-year "grace per-iod" is to be extended to developing countries. This cannot be consistent with the position established in the September 1991 progress report on the environment white paper of 1990 to work for the earliest practicable phase-out of czone-depleting sub-stances during the 1992 protocol negotiation".

The real answer does not lie in Increased production of ozone-deplet-ing HCFCs, but in taking a hard look at the technological choices available to eliminate all ozone-depleting chemicals. Greenpeace has produced a report and has circulated it widely in the business community showing that every major CFC and HCFC application can be replaced by safe substitutes, modest redesign or outright elimination. Government policy does not promote these alternatives, nor does it challenge the entrenched position of ozone-depleting chemicals with bans, restrictions or fiscal mea-

Against this background, the ozone layer is behaving as unpredictably as ever. No scientist claims fully to understand it, and most acknowledge that there is an unquantifiable risk of catastrophic "surprises" resulting from high levels of ozone-destroying chemicals, compounded by volcanoes, meteorological effects and as yet unexplained chemistry.

EC ministers will meet in Brussels next week to finalise their negotiating osition on the protocol amendments. The UK must use its presidency to engineer a European response that matches the immediacy and severity of this crisis by insisting on an immediate halt to new production of all ozone-destroying chemicals.

Yours sincerely, PETER MELCHETT. Executive Director. Greenpeace UK, Canonbury Villas, N1. October 12.

From Councillor G. R. Robson

Sir. Your report concerning the dramatic growth of the atmospheric ozone "hole" in the southern hemisphere makes disturbing reading, especially for those who live beneath it. correctly mentioned the health threat to the inhabitants of Tierra del Fuego and the military garrison on the Falklands now that the ozone hole has for the first time touched areas of permanent human habitation. It did not mention the civilian population of the Falklands, but of course we too share the risk. This causes us great

It is ironic that we who live in the sparsely inhabited southern extreme of the world have done least to contribute to the damage in the atmosphere, and yet we may be among the first humans to be affected. Unless the problem is solved, however. we will certainly not be the last.

The achievement of this grim milestone on the road to ecological destruction is an appropriate time to implore the industrialised nations to cease their production of czonedamaging agents.

Yours faithfully, G. R. ROBSON (Member, Executive and Legislative Councils, Falkland Islands Governmenti, Falkland House, 14 Broadway, Westminster, SW1. October 12.

#### Hospital closures

From Mr W. F. Hendry

Sir, You report (October 8) that "London bospitals are spending millions of pounds on new buildings and equipment in an attempt to stave off closure". The opening of a new theatre suite at St Bartholomew's hospital is given as an example.

The first meeting to plan the replacement of the present operating theatres was held in 1978. They have been in constant use since the 1930s. Detailed planning started in 1984; work commenced in 1988 and has now reached completion, paid for by the North East Thames regional health authority.

As chairman and then consultant representative on the theatre reconstruction working party through-out these 13 years I find it hard to accept your description of this carefully planned and executed modernisation programme as a "spending spree".

Yours faithfully, BILL HENDRY (Consultant Urologist). Directorate of Urology, St Bartholomew's Hospital, Smithfield, EC1. October 8.

From Dr David Barlow

Sir. Your health services correspondent cites the expansion of services for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) at St Thomas' as an example of a hospital trying to buy its way out of closure. In 1990 our clinic, one of 26 in London and 230 in the UK, treated more than one in 20 of England's cases of gonorrhoea.

The increasing number of patients from all over London and elsewhere who choose to use our open-access service (in spite of cramped facilities), together with an expanding workload connected with HIV infection, make this a necessary and logical step.

Like the enlargement of the accident and emergency department at St Thomas' (imperative because of the closure of casualty facilities at the Westminster hospital in 1993), the development of STD services has been planned for over three years, long before the Tomlinson enquiry was set

Yours faithfully, DAVID BARLOW Consultant Physician and Clinical Director), Department of Genito-urinary St Thomas' Hospital. Lambeth Palace Road, SE1.

From Mr John Chawner

Sir, I write to correct an impression report (September 11) of the BMA's position on the imminent Tomlinson report on health care in London and which now appears to be gaining currency — for example in the comments ascribed to Dr Ken Grant. manager of St Bartholomew's hospital, in your report (October 7) of his resignation.

The BMA has not said that it will support the government over London hospital closures: clearly we do not even know at this stage what the government's decisions will be. What I did say was that we recognised that changes are coming in London, and that we are looking to the government to ensure that these changes are managed sensibly.

This means that adequate services must still be available for patients locally and that individual doctors must be treated fairly.

The BMA will be concentrating its efforts on minimising the trauma for our London members rather than getting involved in battles over the future of individual hospitals.

Yours faithfully JOHN CHAWNER (Chairman, Central Consultants' and Specialists' Committee), BMA House, Tavistock Square, WC1.

October 7.

#### Religious schools

From the General Secretary of NASUWT

Sir, The Muslim leaders you report (October 7) to be "amazed and upset" by the alleged hostility of NASUWT to Muslim schools misinterpret our position in response to the white paper, "Choice and Diversity".

Far from trying to deny Muslims, or indeed any group, the right to establish voluntary schools we rec-ognise that this right, if granted to some, is extremely difficult to deny to The interests of those seeking to

establish Islamic voluntary-aided schools will be much better served by the government respecting the compromise in the 1944 Education Act, which has stood the test of time, whereby religious schools would finance 15 per cent of the capital costs in return for independence in religious education and appointment of

Those wishing to establish Muslim schools could then press their case without the issue becoming embroiled in the wider religious controversy and the obviously desperate ploy of the government to breathe life into its faltering grant-maintained pro-

The danger NASUWT was referring to stems from the accompanying proposal of the government to provide, after the first year, 100 per cent funding to all such voluntary schools that become grant-maintained, thereby threatening to throw overboard the very delicate compromise reached in

An obvious anomaly is created with existing voluntary-aided schools which continue to have to find the 15 per cent themselves. They would have a strong financial incentive to seek grant-maintained status and that probably explains the government's

NASUWT fears that when the full implications of these proposals sink especially in some areas of the United Kingdom where religious voluntary-aided schools are not universally viewed as helping society. religious passions, both for and against, could be aroused.

Yours faithfully, NIGEL de GRUCHY, General Secretary. NASUWT (The career teachers' organisation). 5 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2.

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#### Guide to excellence in universities

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From Baroness Perry of Southwark, Vice-Chancellor of the South Bank University

Sir, I was disappointed to see so many flaws in your information for those attempting to choose a university, compiled by Professor Tom Cannon (reports, October 12, 13).

By his own admission the information is drawn from different years. "derived from published or secondary statistics", and includes peer review assessment of research in the expolytechnics, when to my knowledge no such assessment exists. It admits to being "a poll of polls" - a mathematical device hardly reinforced by recent experience of opinion pollsters.

Figures published for the new universities among others are said to derive from the A-level, higher or other points required for admission. But this sector has long been dedicated to carrying out the government's policies of wider access for mature students, where tests of A-level points are only marginally relevant.

The real danger of the "league table" is that it runs directly counter to government policy for the efficient expansion of higher education. The statistics for staff-student ratios present those who are least efficient as the "best". Part-time students, essential to government policies for training, are excluded. A substantial proportion of sub-degree work penalises the institutions concerned.

Our higher education system is already well suited to the enormously wide range and variety of needs of young people and their future employers. It is one of the great strengths of the new unified system that this variety should be enhanced and strengthened.

Polls which present as "the good university" those whose excellence is in pure research and the non-applied academic disciplines, while downgrading those whose excellence lies in vocational and professional training together with applied research, do poor service to all concerned.

I am, Sir, yours sincerely, PERRY of SOUTHWARK, Vice-Chancellor, South Bank University, 103 Borough Road, SE1.

From Dr David Heald

Sir. The figures published in your league table of British universities are misleading. Why, for example, should completion rates and the number of firsts awarded figure so prominently as criteria? There is surely a case for arguing that a university's quality should embrace the thirds and pass degrees awarded.

In my experience the barriers to university entry are being lowered and, with one person in three appared ∙on th government policy, universities will be punished if their wastage rates rise.

The theory is that low wastage rates mean that academic standards are being maintained. The reverse is likely to be true: lowered entry standards ought to mean that wastage rates will rise. The fact that universities will have a vested interest in not letting this happen is no guarantee whatever

of the maintenance of standards.

A third used to be an honourable degree for hearty rugger types (now politically incorrect) and a first for pimply swots, who often failed to fulfil their promise. Nowadays, in my experience, students complain if they are awarded lower seconds and a third is considered a form of irredeemable academic damnation.

Yours faithfully, DAVID HEALD, Faculty of Humanities. Darwin College, The University, Canterbury, Kent. October 13.

From Mr Peter Prince

Sir, Our daughter, with grade A passes in all three of her advanced levels, has been choosing a university. In the end she decided on a large northern university because she liked the look of the course, the location. and the atmosphere. In other words, her choice was based on her own needs and interests - surely the only proper basis for any student to make up her mind about where to study.

But now along comes your mischievous Good University Guide, which reveals nothing more intelligent than a race for the line in which there are only ever two real runners and all other contenders are also-rans.

Its main effect, I suppose, will be to convince great numbers of uncertain parents and would-be students that it is only within Oxbridge that a true university education can take place. Having myself, years ago, endured an extremely disappointing educational experience at Cambridge, I know how especially false that notion can be.

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Yours faithfully. PETER PRINCE. 31 Meteor Street, SW11. October 13.

From Mr T. G. Miller

Sir. What a pity that your very rough guide to universities should produce such a huffing and puffing from old and middling and new.

Having served — if that is the right word — in numbers 1 (Cambridge), 48 (Keele), 44 (Reading), and 90 (North London) of your table (October 12), with a colonial university college thrown in to give added spice, I reckon that the order of excellence is about

Nevertheless, just as there are undoubtedly patches of excellence right through the list to the very bottom, so also there are probably patches of the other thing up to the

Instead of complaining about methodology, would it not be better to learn from what is, to the "non-academic" public, an interesting and useful exercise?

information is probably available to

the government, e.g. from the Family

Expenditure Survey, so why not use it?

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Yours faithfully,

87 East End, Walkington,

From Mr Kenneth Winckles

Beverley, Humberside.

D. A. BELL,

I hope it is not because macro-

Yours sincerely, TERENCE MILLER, The Plough, Docking Road, Sedgeford, Norfolk. October 13.

#### Economic guesswork From Professor Emeritus David Bell

Sir. Who has the money to spend? In 1991, according to published data from the Central Statistical Office Monthly Digest of Statistics, tables 1.1 and 1.5), the personal sector spent an amount equal to 88 per cent of the GDP compared with 79 per cent in 1987, all in 1985 values.

Yet one needs only to see the closing of useful shops in a small market town to appreciate the present difficulties of retail trade.

In contrast, there is one DIY shop in this neighbourhood which has beaten the recession by moving up-market and later into the leisure market, with mountain bikes at £300 to £1,000.

To be fair, a taxation policy (including local taxes) needs knowledge of who has "spare" money. Such

Sir, Is it not quite incredible that the Treasury does not seem to have had

any contingency plan to anticipate the situation which would arise in the event of UK withdrawal from the ERM — surely always a possibility? Yours sincerely,

KENNETH WINCKLES, Moor House, Fishers Wood, Sunningdale, Ascot, Berkshire.

#### Trade in Azerbaijan

From Dr Tamara Dragadze

Sir, Contrary to the views expressed by Lord Avebury and others (letter, October 7) Michael Heseltine should be congratulated for promoting trade in Azerbaijan. The prosperity it will bring will undoubtedly spread eventually to the rest of the region. The Armenian parliament has

passed the most liberal laws in the former Soviet Union on taxation and foreign currency and Erevan's talented businessmen are keen to put their skills to use. As a result of their diaspora they are more experienced in foreign commerce than any other former Soviet nation. The continuing war is frustrating their efforts. It ill befits members of Parliament

to flout the paramount rule of evenhandedness and thus to miss the opportunity which their status bestows to influence all sides to lay down their arms and come to their senses.

Yours faithfully, TAMARA DRAGADZE, University of London. School of Slavonic and East European Studies, Senate House, Malet Street, WC1. October 8.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

#### Figures of fun

From Mr William Page

Sir. To restrict characterisations of Christ, as in the Spitting Image cartoon (report and photograph, October 12), would be a different form of religious intolerance.

If Jesus is the omnipotent God that Christians believe Him to be, surely He is big enough to be lampooned in the press and on the screen.

Christianity is based on tolerance and forgiveness, but what about other, less tolerant faiths? In view of what happened to Salman Rushdie. would Spitting Image be as eager to poke fun at other religious figures? Yours faithfully,

BILL PAGE, 62 Chambers Lane, NW10. October 12.

#### Been there, done that

From Mr R. G. Maling

Sir, My recent mundane purchase of next year's diary was enlivened by the title: not just recycled paper, but "Recycled Diary". Is this the classic example of déjà vu?

Yours faithfully, R. G. MALING, Windfall, Butlers Cross, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. October I 1.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** October 14: The Queen this morn-

ing anended a Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein. Her Majesty was received at the West Gate by the Dean of Westminster (the Very Reverend Mich-

ael Mayne). The Lady Susan Hussey, Sir Kenneth Scott, Major General Brian Pennicott and Major James Patrick were in attendance. The Prince and the Princess of

Wales and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were also present.
The Queen, Patron, this evening attended a Reception to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation at St es's Palace.

Her Majesty was received by the Chairman (General Sir Geoffre) Howlett) and the Director General

(Mr James Stanford).

The Lady Susan Hussey, the Rt
Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Major James Patrick were in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 14: The Duke of York, Patron, Fight for Sight, this after-noon opened the new Institute of Opthalmology, Bath Street, Lon-

His Royal Highness later at-tended the 1992 National Service for Seafarers at St Paul's Cathedral, and was received by Alder-man Sir Robin Gillett Bt (the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Locum

Captain Neil Blair RN was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 14: The Princess Royal. Patron, the Home Farm Trust, this morning attended the "Learning from Experience" Conference at Church Hou London SW1. House, Westminster Mrs Charles Rhchie was in

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon chaired an Industry and Commerce Group Meeting at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening held a Reception for Save the Children Corporate Members at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 14: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Advisory Group on Disability, this morning received the Chairman (Professor Anthony Clare) at Kenngton Palace His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-

Chief, Army Air Corps, sub-sequently received - Lieutenant Colonel Simon Fogden on relinquishing command of 3 Regi-ment, and Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Parker on assuming the Nicholas Parker on assuming the appointment, at Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon received His Excellency Mr Ghazi M.A. Al-Rayes, the Ambasdor of the State of Kurwait, at Kensington Palace.

The Princess of Wales this evening gave a Reception for Help the Hospices at Kensington

KENSINGTON PALACE October 14: The Princess Mar-garet, Counters of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, was present this evening at a Reception

given by the Corps at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in

> YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 14: The Duke of Kent, Colonel in Chief, The Royal Regi-ment of Fusiliers, today received Lieutenant Colonel R.M. Jackson on assuming command of the 6th Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel D.R.G. Small on relinquishing his appointment.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Cavalry and Guards Club, this evening attended a Committee Dinner at the Club, 127 Piccadilly, Captain the Honourable Tom

Coke was in attendance. The Duchess of Kent today launched the Nottinghamshire Bereavement Trust Appeal at the Council House, Nottingham and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan Bt).

This afternoon Her Royal High-ness attended a Fashion Show by employees of Remploy at the Mansfield Leisure Centre and later opened the Kings Mill Hos-pice, Sutton in Ashfield, Notting-

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Gala Concert at the Barbican Centre in aid of s in Schools", London EC2. Mrs Peter Troughton was in

#### Birthdays today

Lord Baden-Powell, 56; Sir George Bishop, former chairman, Booker McConnell, 79; Mr H.M. Colvin, architectural historian, 73; Professor J.K. Galbraith, economist, 84; Mr G.T. Goodall, former headmaster, Exeter School, 63; the Very Rev E.W. Heaton, former Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 72: Sir Julian Hodge, merchant banker, 88; Miss Catherine Lampert, director, Whitechapel Art Gallesy, 46; Dame Anne Mueller, civil servant, 62; Baroness Perry of Southwark, 61; Mr Mario Puzo, author, 72; Professor Charles Rees, President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 65; Mr George Sava, author and consulting surgeon, 89; Barones Serota, 73; Mr Justice Vinelott, 69.

#### Service dinner

Royal Artillery Heritage Project The fifth Founders' Dinner in aid of the Royal Artillery Heritage Project was held at Craigiehall. Edinburgh on October 13. Gen-eral Sir Martin Farndale, KCB the Master Gunner, St James's Park presided. The Project has now raised over £1 million.

#### Dinner

European-Atlantic Group The Spanish Ambassador was the European-Atlantic Group held last

night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Viscount Montgomery of Aismein, chairman, presided and Lord Rippon of Hexham QC. president, and Baroness Hooper also spoke.



Abbey yesterday to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Virgil, Roman poet,

Andes, near Manua, Italy, 708C; Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher, Roken, Germany, 1844; John L Sullivan, champion heavyweight boxer, Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1858; Marie Stopes, scientist and sex education reformer, Edin-burgh, 1880; P.G. Wodehouse, ourgi, 1881; P.G. wodenouse, writer, Guildford, Surrey, 1881. DEATHS: Pierre Laval, head of Vichy government 1942-44, exe-cuted, Paris, 1945; Hermann Goering, Nazi war criminal, committed suicide, Nuremberg. 1946; Cole Porter, song writer, California, 1964; James McAuley,

poet, Hobart, 1976. Jean de Rozier made the first manned balloon flight near Paris, Alfred Dreyfus, a French officer.

DEATHS

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FIRST - On October 12th peacefully. Mila aged 55 of Reigate, originally Prague. Husband of Pal (previously Gane), Eather of Jan. Service at the Church of the Hoty Fandy. Yurk Rosel. Reigate. Monday October 19th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Harestone Marie Curie Centre, Calerham. Surrey.

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London Lighthouse if desired BROWTON - On October 10th. 1992. Suddenly. Dilana Yvonne (Dido), dearly loved wife of Jumbo, mother of Ceorge and Judy, and grandmother - of Peter. Rosemary. Michael and Natasha. Funeral in Piaya de Aro. Cercora province. Spain. at 3.30 pm on October 17th. No memorial service in U.K. but please send donations to RAF Benevolent Pund. 67 Fortland Piace, London. WIN 4AR

was arrested on a charge of treason, 1894. Leonid Brezhnev replaced Nikita Khrushchev as General Brezhnev Secretary of the Communist Party in Soviet Union, 1964.

#### Times Atlas of the World

A new edition of The Times Atlas of the World is published today by Times Books. Reflecting the great changes wrought to the world's political structure in recent times, the atlas has been thoroughly revised and

It is available from bookshops at

#### Royal Academy of Engineering

Dr Adam Neville, MC, FEng. FRSE, Vice President of The Roy Academy of Engineering, presided at a lecture, "Concorder First or Last?", given last night at The Institution of Civil Engineers. The guest speaker was Mr Robert McKinlay, FEng. Chairman of British Agentment & Arburt 14d. British Aerospace Airbus Ltd.

#### United Medical and Dental Schools

On Wednesday, October 14, the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas Hospitals awarded the Schools first Hospitals awarded the Schools first Hospitals at a ceremony at Southwark Cathedral, at which Lord Butterfield, Chairman of the Council of Governors presided. The Honorary Fellows are Pfoftsacr Sir Cyril Clarice, Professor Sir Richard Doll, Mrs Kay Glesdinning, Sir Philip Har-ris, Sir John Prideaux, Lord Rayne and Lord Robens of Woldingham.
The Honorary Fellows were subsequently emertained at dinner in
the Governors' Hall at St Thom-

General of The British Council and former Managing Director, BBC Radio, will take place in St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30am on Tuesday, November 17. Admission will be by ticker only. Written requests for tickets should be sent to Dr M. Oakesbott, Room E615, The British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London, SW1A 2BN, by October 20.

#### Battle of El Alamein service

The Queen attended the 8th Army Veterans Association service of thanksgiving held yesterday in Westminster Abbey to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present. The Dean of Westminster offici-

ated, assisted by the Rev Paul Ferguson, precentor. The Rev James Harkness, Chaplain General to the Forces, read a prayer of remembrance and other prayers were read by Prebendary Robert Cheadle, Militarpfarrer Dr Heinz Zimmermann-Stock (in German) and Mgr Alberto Fabiani (in Italian). Viscount Montgomery of Alamein and Dr Manfred Rommel read the lessons and Mr Godfrey Talbot read from his wartime broadcasts. The Right Rev Michael Mann gave an address

The Union Flag and the National Standard of the 8th Army Veterans Association were borne in procession to the Sacrarium by Colour Sergeant Philip Parker, 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards, and Mr Jim Rimmer.

The Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Defence, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Opposition, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and members of the Diplomatic Corps attended.

#### Reception The Leonard Cheshire

The Queen, as Patron of The Leonard Cheshire Foundation, atrended a Reception at St James's Palace on Wednesday, October 14, 1992. The Chairman of the Foundation, General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, was host and was accompanied by Baroness Ryder of Warsaw and her daughter the Hon Elizabeth (Gigl) Chesture.

of Warsaw and her daughter the Hon Einzabeth (Gigi) Cheshure. Among others present were: Lord and Lady Wolfson, Lady Howlett, Mr Bob Bafrour, Mr and Mrs Arhur Bennett, Dr and Mrs Hill Beswick, Mrs Diana Cottingham, Mr and Mrs Edward Footing, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Fooley-Norris, Sir Devid and Lady Fooley-Norris, Sir Devid and Lady Goodall, His Honour Judge and Mrs Gosding. Dr Wendy Greengross, Mr and Mrs Dennis Greig, Mr David Harvey, Dr and Mrs Tony, Hicklin, Mr and Mrs Dennis Greig, Mr David Harvey, Dr and Mrs Tony, Hicklin, Mr and Mrs Michael Johns, the Hon John and the Hon Mrs Victoria Jolliffe, the Hon Mrs Maggie van Koetsveid, Sir Henry Marking, Mr and Mrs Brian Marsh, Mies Anne Marth. Mr and Mrs John Rigarie and Mrs John Rigar, Mr and Mrs Febr Rowley, Mr and Mrs Mrs Holm Shepherd, Dr and Mrs Bonn Tredinniek and Mrs Robin Broadley, Mr and Mrs Robin Britalin, Mr Simon Hentwick, Mr and Mrs Greight, Mr and Mrs Gooffrey Ramidon-Smith, Mr Intend Hertwick, Mr and Mrs Robert Mackenzel Johnston, Mr and Mrs Terry Maguire, Mr and Mrs Robins Radond, Mr Ronald Mrs Anthony Ramidon, Mr Romald Travers and Mr Radon Mrs Philip Wroughton.

#### Sir Richard Francis

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Richard Francis, KCMG, late Director-

# Forthcoming marriages

Dr J.D. Brentet

and Dr F.J. Gilder The engagement is announced between James Derek, elder son of Dr and Mrs David Brenton, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Fay Josephine, only, daughter of Mrs Diane Gilder and the late Robert Gilder, of Klin Pit Hill, Northumberland.

No. West Market 

Mr D.J.H. Chaplin and Miss H.J. Laird

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Chaplin, of Cambridge, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H. Laird, of Sevenoales.

Mr J.F.C. Dean and Miss S.A. Finn The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roy Dean, of Bromley, Kent, and Sharon, only danghter of Mr and Mrs K. Finn,

Mr J.G. Jadd and Miss A.K.L. Schmiegelow The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs lan Judd, of Upham, Hampshire, and Alexandra, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs lan Schmiegelow, of Exton,

of Burnage, Manchester.

Hampshire. Mr D.G. Lacey and Miss A. Day

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs G.W.J. Lacey, of Queensland, Australia, and Abigail, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Day, of Silverstone, Northamptonshire.

Mr D.J. Linnell and Miss A.E.T. Searle The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr G.A. Linnell, of Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northamptonshire and the late Mrs Linnell, and Anne, eidest daughter of Dr and Mrs. J.S.T. Searle, of Great Tornington,

Dr D.G. Peckhan and Dr F.C. Heashil Wood The engagement is announced between Daniel Gavin, son of Professor Michael and Professor Catherine Peckham, of Brook Green, London, and Flona Claire. daughter of Mrs Gwendoline Henshil Wood and the late Mr

Conrad Henshil Wood, of Epsom.

engagements

8.00.

The Princess Royal will present the Plain, English Campaign's Inside Write awards at The Queen Eliza-

Broadcasting House at 11.40; and, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will attend a meeting at Cutiers' Hall at 4.55. Princess Margaret will visit the Aske's Schools at

Elstree at 11.30. The Duke of Gloncester, as Patron of the International Visual

and Miss L.J. Gwilliam The engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of the Rev I.R. and Mrs Secrett, of Burwell, Cambridgeshire, and Lesley, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell Gwilliam, of Old Coolsdon, Surrey.

Mr A.T.H. Slack and Miss K.C. Baring The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of Mr and Mrs Tom Sieck, of Mousehole. Cornwall and Chelsea, London, and Katie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Baring, of West Malling

Mr T.O.B. Smellie

and Miss S.P.M. Johnston The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alaszar Smelle, of Cambridge, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Morison Johnston, of Woolton Hill, Newbury,

#### Marriages

Sir Juliu Guite and Miss S.H.M. Stevens The marriage took place yesterday at the Church of St John the Baptist, Elmore, Gloucester, of Sir John Guise, son of the late Sir Anselm and Lady Guise, of Elmore Court, Gloucester, to Miss Sally Stevens, daughter of the lane Commander H.G.C. Stevens, RN, and the late Mrs Rosemary Stevens. The Rev G.R. Martin officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr William Ste-vens. Mr Dan Abbott was best

A reception was held at Elmore Court and the honeymoon will be Mr T.N.S. Blake

and Mrs S.E. Den A service of blessing was held on Saturday, October 10, at the Charch of St Mary The Virgin, Hartfield after the marriage of Mr Nigel Blake to Mrs Susan Denton. non Peter Blake offici

Mr M.C. Dickinson and Mrs C. Bethell

The marriage took place on October 13, in Northumberland, between Mr Mark Dickinson and 4.23

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beth II Conference Centre at 10.00; will present the Radio 4 "In Touch" David Blackhall award at

Communications Association, will attend a reception at the studios of

Limehouse Television, the Trocadero, Piccadilly, at 7.30.
The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, will attend the annual asthma gift fair at the Hurlingham Chib at 10.30.

The Dake of Kent will open Rover Group's new Triaxis Press Line at Swindon at 11.15; and will open Avon Rubber's new factory at Chippenham at 1.50.

Princess Alexandra will visit the House of St Barnabas-in-Soho, Greek Street, at 3.00; will amend the 25th anniversary thanksgiving sergice of St Christopher's Hospice in Westminster Abbey at 7.00; and will attend a concert in aid of Live Music Now at the Barbican Centre et 8.35.

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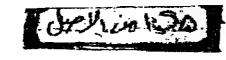
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#### **OBITUARIES**

Bill Rowe, formerly head of post production at Elstree Film Studios, died in London following a stroke on September 29 aged 61. He was born on February 2, 1931, in Crook, Co

BILL Rowe was one of a handful of film sound mixers who can truly be said to have revolutionised the quality of sound heard in the cinema. Bertolucci, Polanski, Roland Joffe, Spielberg and George Lucas, David Puttnam, Ridley Scott and, above all, Stanley Kubrick were just a few of the members of the international film community who queued up to avail themselves of Bill Rowe's skills. Of many awards, he won an Oscar for The Last Emperor as well as numerous BAFTAs, including one for The French Lieutenant's Woman. Among the several hundred films for which he and his partner, Ray Merrin, mixed the sound were also A Clockwork Orange, Chariots of Fire, Midnight Express, "Tommy", The Killing Fields, Batman and Alien.

In the week of his death, two of his films — City of Joy and Polanski's Bitter Moon — opened in London, while Patrick McGoohan's The Prisoner was again on British television. Above all, however, Rowe pioneered the use of Dolby Stereo, which is now the standard for high-fidelity around the world; indeed, he invented many of the techniques without which sound in the cinema is now unthinkable. Hollywood owed Rowe an incalculable debt, which only lately it

had begun to acknowledge.
William Oliver Rowe had first come to Elstree, or Associated British as it was then known, in the winter of

# **BILL ROWE**



1948, having served his apprenticeship at the Ealing Studios and then at RCA. Warner Brothers had decided to invest in the studios, and soon Rowe was assisting on movies such as Moby Dick and Indiscreet. Through-

out all its changes of ownership — from ABPC to Thorn-EMI, from Cannon to Goldcrest, and eventually Brent Walker — the Elstree Dubbing Theatre soldiered on, seemingly a bestion against the declining British

film industry. Moreover, Rowe's fascination with the technical possibilities of film sound and his friendship with Ray Dolby and Ewan Allen of Dolby Laboratories opened up an entirely new world of sound for the movies. In 1974 Elstree commis-sioned the first-ever Dolby Optical Sound Recorder, of which the film Stardust was the immediate beneficiary. In the event, the movie collected better reviews for its sound quality than for its on-screen performances. The "surround-sound" system, now the accepted norm for all major cinemas around the world, soon followed, and even Ray Dolby expressed himself amazed at what his initial noise reduction system invention had led to.

Almost immediately Rowe was invited by the major Hollywood film companies to follow his films abroad to supervise their sound reproduction at various important premieres, particularly in America. Valentino in New York was one of many that benefited from Rowe's attention. He soon involved himself in improving the quality of television sound, most notably in Tony Palmer's documentaries about Benjamin Britten and William Walton for The South Bank Show, both of which won for Rowe the Italia Prize.

He began to teach film sound at. among other places. Tel Aviv University, and while promise after promise was broken by Elstree's latest owners to re-equip Rowe's studio, for instance, or to make Elstree an outpost of the Spielberg empire — Rowe's belief in the possibilities of film sound and his disbelief that a Conservative government could not understand its value, both in terms of

international prestige and in terms of foreign earnings and employment. drove him on.

But not the least reason for his success was an unfailing courtesy towards those film and television directors for whom the sound dubbing studio is often the last desperate attempt to salvage unpromising ma-terial and turn it into gold. In an industry notorious for its arrogance and bitchery, it was impossible to find anyone with a bad word against Rowe. Apparently diffident, nervous, wiry and chain-smoking. Rowe ex-ploited qualities of steel to calm the most volatile of artists, whether Barbra Streisand or Sam Peckinpah. His supreme technical artistry was never in doubt; more important perhaps was often his profound understanding for and sympathy with the subject matter of the film on which he was working. When Stan-ley Kubrick finished the sound mixing of Barry Lyndon, for instance, he could not bear to leave Rowe's studio and would constantly return for no apparent reason other than to feel again the reassurance that Rowe's gentle skill had given him.

For the international film community, Bill Rowe was Elstree Film Studios, and Elstree was Bill Rowe, And it is safe to say that in every country of the world, in every week and for the foreseeable future the sound which Bill Rowe created can and will be heard loud and clear even if his studio, along with much of the rest of the British film industry, has now been bulldozed to make way for another superstore.

He is survived by his wife, Marina. whom he married in 1954, and by two sons and a daughter.

#### **APPRECIATIONS**

#### **Baroness Ewart-Biggs**

YOUR obituary (October 10) of Baroness Ewart-Biggs did justice to her achievements as a public figure and to her personal courage, but it did not, perhaps, convey the charisma, verve and humour which made her an enduring inspiration. The unique nature of the

Ewart-Biggs Prize, which she

founded, to encourage peace and understanding between the peoples of Britain and Ireland, should also be stressed. Over fifteen years, it has recognised the contributions of journalists (Robert Kee, Mary Holland, David McKittrick and the staff of Fortnight magazine); historians (F. S. L. Lyons, John Bowman, Oliver MacDonagh and A. T. Q. Stewart); play-wrights (Brian Friel, Stewart Parker, Frank McGuinness); and commentators like Dervla Murphy, Hubert Butler and Father Michael MacGreil, as well as publishers (Blackstaff

it could have become a pat on the back for the great and good of Irish culture, but Jane Ewart-Biggs's instinct was always against the "safe" course: the names of the winners provide a challenging profile of Irish cultural life since 1976, and the prize will continue as her memorial as well as her first husband's.

In recent years, she also founded a Community Prize,



for social work spanning the two communities in Northern Ireland. She loved visiting Ireland and kept closely in touch with affairs there: sometimes she was greeted with initial suspicion or diffidence, but all reservations melted when faced with the depth of her commitment and the force of her character. Her broadcast on Irish television after her husband's assassination was a beacon at a dark time for Ireland as well as for herself

and her young family. The playwright McGuinness expressed it memorably when receiving the prize in 1986: "It made me proud that she was English - that I was Irish - and that we were both human."

> Roy Foster Carroll Professor of Irish History, Oxford

#### Cardinal Jacques Martin

THE Prefect of the Pontifical Household was one of the most important official con-tacts of any diplomatic mission to the Holy See since it was through him that any application for a papel audience had to be made.

I well remember my first call on Cardinal Jacques Martin (obituary, October 5). Always with a keen interest in ecclesiastical heraldry, he first showed me the frescoed ceilings in his official apartment in the Apostolic Palace, decorated with the arms of his predecessors — their personal arms impaled with those of the Pope whom they had served.

We went on to speak of the problem frequent in those countries where conventional politeness required that any request should always receive favourable acknowledgement, and the subsequent frustration and unhappiness when in the event the request was actually found to have been refused. Since all our

expect success, but in the interest of nevertheless encouraging a good working relationship, I asked that there should never be any hestitation in telling the Britresponse to relevant applications for an audience. Afterwards I would intro-

duce any admittedly borderline request with a reference to what I called our "special privilege". Friends within the Curia, however, would often tell me of their surprise at the exceptionally high proportion of our applications which found favour, though I have since realised that this was probably due as much to the relationship forged by our predecessors with the then Mgr Montini and which has been explored by Professor Owen Chadwick in his book on the work of the British Legation to the Holy See

during the last war. I have many other happy memories of Cardinal Martin for instance his declining the offer of a car after lunch on the grounds that he preferred the rare but welcome opportunity of a walk home across the centre of Rome. But the memory which I shall treasure most is of Pope John Paul's visit when, at the opening Mass in Westminster Cathedrai, he was for once denied ceremonial role of merely standing in attendance on the Pope but invited instead to join our bishops as a concelebrant at the altar.

#### ANDREW BREACH

Andrew Breach, CBE, president of the Bristol & West Building Society, has died aged 77. He was born on October 22, 1914.

ANDREW Breach, a sturdy defender of building society interests, saw a huge expansion in business in the postwar years. He began his career in the industry in 1931 and moved to the Bristol & West Building Society as secretary in 1948. At that time the assets of the society were £3.8 million. He became general manager of the society in 1950 and chairman in 1969. When he retired in 1988 the society's assets had increased to £3,000 million.

Breach played a leading role in building society affairs both nationally and internationally. From 1963 to 1965 he was chairman of the Building Societies' Association where he developed a reputation as a forthright spokesman. He was ment policies and, unlike as CBE, and he took equal some of his contemporaries who would happily travel to London for a meeting with ministers, he was more indined to tell ministers that if in the mid-1970s. He leaves a they wanted to see him he was son and two daughters.

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He was active in the profes sional body of building society staff, the Chartered Building Societies Institute, holding the presidency in 1970-71. He was also president of the International Union of Building Societies and Savings Associations from 1977 to 1080.

Breach had wide business interests in the west country. For 23 years he was on the board of Bristol Evening Post plc, which publishes the Western Daily Press and Observer series as well as the Evening Post. He was also chairman of Bristol United Press and held directorships of numerous companies. He was active in local affairs, serving as president of the Bristol Municipal Charities and master of the Society of Merchant Venturers, two of his many interests.

Breach's contribution to the building society industry was pride in the award to him of an honorary LLD by Bristol University.

Breach's wife Christine died

#### SIR JOHN COMPTON MILLER

Sir John Compton Miller, Senior Registrar of the Family Division from 1964 to 1972, died on October 5 aged 92. He was born on May 11, 1900.

SIR John Compton Miller was a lawyer's lawyer, admired as much for the modesty and generosity of his spirit as for his formidable intellect and legal knowledge. As senior registrar of the Family Division (formerly the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division) he was tasked with helping husbands and wives to reach some sort of accord over the vexed questions of maintenance and access to children. It was a role in which he excelled, always striving for the compromise that would produce a fair and lasting solution.

After New College, Oxford, Compton Miller was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple, practising on the Western circuit. During the second world war, despite illhealth, he became assistant commandant of the Army Technical School at Chepstow, and served as a deputy judge advocate after the Normandy landings. He was a major in the Inns of Court Regiment and was appointed an MBE (military), a distinction which he liked to In 1946 Lord Merriman, President of

the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, appointed him a registrar at Somerset House. His wide knowledge of matrimonial law fitted him ideally to edit Rayden on Divorce and to become senior examiner in divorce for the Council of

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Compton Miller delighted in literary and artistic endeavour. He attended art classes at the Sir John Cass College in the City of London and became a creditable painter in both oils and watercolours - a talent which dovetailed elegantly with his poetry. Inspired by Stevie Smith and Roy Fuller, a personal friend, he wrote subtle and amusing verse, strongly influenced by the classical authors, much of it illustrated with his own meticulous watercolours. A lifelong interest in the classics had been inspired at St Paul's School by Cecil Botting, co-author with A. E. Hillard of the definitive Greek and Latin textbooks, and Botting's only child, the author Antonia White, remained a long-term friend. He wrote nine volumes of verse,

including An Ambit Small, The Chinese Saucer and The Miraculous Comfield. and would compose a poem every birthday for his journalist son, Richard, and for his daughter, Sylvia. Many of his friends received and valued a Christmas poem instead of a Christmas card. Compton Miller could never have enjoyed such a long and productive life

without the extraordinary devotion of his second wife, Mary, whom he married in r was alı and who was to nurse and encourage him through a number of near-mortal illnesses. His first wife, Alice, died in 1931, leaving him with a son by that marriage. It was typical of this shy, Christian and thoughtful man that he should leave his body for medical research.

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(From Our Correspondent.)

BELGRADE, Oct. 14. An official telegram announces that a Turkish force has crossed the Servian frontier close to Vrania, which is the terminus of the Servian State Railway. Shots were interchanged, but the exact details of the fighting are still wanting. The Note presented last night to Turkey was identical with those from

Sofia and Athens. It is considered

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The first Balkan war was fought by Greece Serbia, Bulgaria and Montenegro for territories of the Ottoman empire. They were successful, but in 1913 Serbia's claims led her into war with her former allies.

improbable that Turkey will consent to the conditions and the coincidence of the Turkish aggression near Vrania is regarded as a confirmation of this view.

LATER The main body of the Servian forces should now have passed the Morava defile and be drawn up on both sides of the railway, near the frontier. The detachments which are scattered westwards on the frontier of the Sandjak will in all probability be drawn in as the main army increases to striking force in

order to facilitate operations. It has now been decided in the event of war that field hospital arrangements shall be entirely in the hands of military doctors and army surgeons. Only surgical operations requiring immediate execu-tion will be performed at the front, other cases will be despatched to the hospitals

The numbers of Turks who have crossed the frontier have been increased by rumour hourly, but from trustworthy sources it is to be believed that an ordinary frontier incident has been exaggerated owing to the importance of the crisis.

> TEN HOURS' FIGHTING (From Our Own Correspondent.) VIENNA, Oct. 14.

A telegram from Belgrade to the Neues Wiener Tagblatt states to-night that the engagement which began near Ristovatz early this morning had lasted ten hours and was still undecided. According to an unconfirmed report, the Turks have taken Vrania.

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Listings, Page 39

There is the unmistakable sound

of handwashing, from Jacques

Delors in Brussels to the presidency

headquarters in London. What is

to be gained from an emergency

summit for which not even the host

appears to have a strategy?Page 17

If anyone is to be blamed for un-

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# THE TIMES TODAY

#### Tory MPs urge policy change

■ John Major's government was under intense pressure last night to change its economic strategy. Conservative MPs joined the protest over British Coal's decision to close more than half the country's pits. Ministers faced demands from their own supporters for direct intervention\_\_\_\_\_Pages 1, 2

The gloom was intensified by an unexpected fall in industrial output in August. And The Times has learned that several leading housebuilding companies have stopped their donations to Conservative party funds .. ..Page 1

#### CIA 'dug for dirt on Clinton'

■ Al Gore, the Democrats' vice-presidential nominee, yesterday accused the Bush campaign of ordering the US Embassy in London to dig for dirt on Bill Clinton's activities while an Oxford student 23 years ago.....

#### Delors warning

Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, yesterday steered his Brussels bureaucracy on to a collision course with the British presidency of the EC at the Birmingham summit. Pages 1, 13 Meanwhile hopes of the summit producing a breakthrough on the vast array of unresolved issues in the Maastrict Treaty were being played down by British ministers last night ...... Page 1

#### **Hospitals** threat

Four London teaching hospitals could face closure under proposals involving closures and mergers in the capital's health service structure which will be presented to the health secretary, Virginia Bottomley, today ..... .... Page 8

#### Kanemara to resign

Shin Kanemaru, the 'kingmaker of Japanese politics and vicepresident of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, intends to resign from parliament over a corruption scandal..... ... Page 10

#### Move to Scotland

People living in the South East of England have the lowest quality of life in Britain while those in Scotland and the North have the highest, according to a survey published today..... ...... Page 6

#### Hindered by help

Some of Britain's most valuable coastal features, including salt marshes, mud flats and sand dunes, are eroded faster because

of defensive walls and other devices costing millions of pounds which were supposedly meant to protect them, according to the government's conservation \_Page 8

#### Heart trouble genetic French scientists say that thin. non-smoking people who take regular exercise may still get

heart attacks because of a genetic

#### Caesarean 'wrong'

A judge's decision to order a woman to have a caesarean operation in an attempt to save the life of her umborn child was criticised by doctors and lawyers yesterday. They who said that it undermined the rights of women to decide the fate of their .. Page 5

#### Guardsman jalled

A military policeman with the Coldstream Guards was jailed for 10 years at the Old Bailey for killing a bystander with a shot from an assault rifle. Lance Corporal Gregory Hobbins, 30, took his ex-girlfriend prisoner in her north London flat after she ended their affair.

#### Cancer claims

The first two claims on behalf of families alleging that their children's cancers were caused by radiation from Sellafield come before the High Court this month in what is expected to be a record-breaking legal action costing up to £10 million Page 6

#### French farmers get sniff of Birmingham

French farmers dumped thousands of tonnes of manure and earth outside government offices around the country and blocked roads yesterday, warning of worse to come if the Mitterrand administration yields to pressure from EC partners for cuts in food exports. The action was a warning to M. Mitterrand ahead of the Birmingham summit. Page 13



White House time: measured by sales of these watches made in Hong Kong, the result will be Bush 37 per cent, Clinton 36, Peret 2

Putting the squeeze

on: The latest Paris

ets, or are they straight jackets? Ei-

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sunny intervals everywhere. Cold and rather windy in most areas.

fashions show a trend towards straightjack-

# Getting worse: The economy app-

ears to be falling into deeper recession. Industrial production figures, published yesterday by the Central Statistical Office combined with Tuesday's announcements of widespread coal industry closures, have almost dashed hopes of a return to economic growth before the end of this year...

Coel spin off: Tens of thousands of jobs will go and hundreds of British Coal suppliers will suffer following this week's decision to close 31 mines and axe 30,000 jobs by Page 21

Fed shuffle: ALan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, sidestepped attempts to press him on the prospects of a cut in American interest rates and seemed unsure whether more cuts were Page 23

October surprise: Jon Ashworth looks back to October 1987 when stock exchanges around the world almost reached meltdown Page 25

Boxing: Frank Bruno emerged from his training camp yesterday for some verbal sparring with Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa, his opponent on Saturday..... Page 37

Rowing: The Amateur Rowing Association has offered the post of chief coach for men's rowing to Jürgen Grobler, the former East German who coached Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent to

#### Stormin' book Alan Clark wants Norman Schwarzkopf in the White House, not just because his autobi-

ography makes sense...... Page 33 Dirk's Downs: Dirk Bogarde recalls the 1920s and 1930s as a time of tranquility on the Sussex Downs, though the reality was, for most, a touch more amious....... Page 33

Whither democracy? Four books on the worst system except for all the others raise, in varying degree, the question of where democracy goes from here\_ .. Page 32

Was Eve tramed? Helens Kennedy's new book on women and the criminal justice system answers in the affirmative: it is an eloquent Page 32.

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Cinema: Geoff Brown reviews Strictly Ballroom, Thunderheart, Wuthering Heights and previous the Jewish Film Festival ... Page 29 Music: Stephen Pettitt fights back tears at Nigel Kennedy's 'last-ever' classical London concert... Page 30 Television: Being an undertaker is not all doom and gloom, as Richand Mourison discovers .... Page 30 Lake re-discovered: Garrison

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That summit in full: The Times guide to tomorrow's Birmingham bash, including why it matters, what it may achieve, what subsidiarity might mean (Jacques Delors take note) and Joe Joseph on Brum, Euro capital for a Page 14

Fat chance: With cholesterol countdown week looming. Heather Kirby offers everything you need to know . Page 15

terday's news of a court-ordered Caesarean, when is the operation rather essential desirable? Page 15

Operational need: Following yes-



Lord Rees-Mogg who yesterday criticised the soap opera Coronation Street as being a relic of the Macmilian era with little rele vance to modern society Page 5

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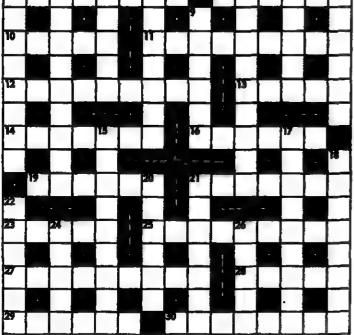
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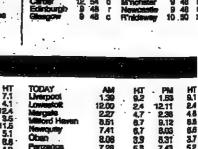
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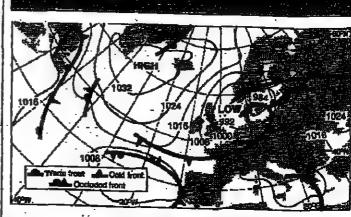
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Thorntons, the chocolate retailer, has elections and Easter

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A High Court judge has ruled that Sir Terence Conran's investment in Fitch RS. can go ahead. Page 23.

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STOCK MARKET

Britain set for longest recession

By Anatole Kaletsky ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE economy appears to be falling into deeper recession, judging by unexpectedly bad figures on industrial produc-tion and manufacturing out-

tion and manufacturing out-put in August.

The industrial production figures, published yesterday by the Central Statistical Of-fice, combined with Tuesday's announcements of coal industry closures, have almost dashed hopes of a return to economic growth in Britain before the end of this year.

Industrial production fell by 0.3 per cent in August after a rise of 1.0 per cent the previ-ous month. The more economically significant figures for manufacturing output de-clined by 0.2 per cent after holding steady in July. A further sharp fall in production is widely expected

to be announced for September, because of continuing declines in motor industry output and the uncertainty created by the government's unsuccessful battle to keep the pound in the ERM. As a result, manufacturing output is almost certain to be lower in the third guarter than in the second, while industrial production, including energy output, may be flat at best.

closure of about one-third of Britain's coal industry will by 1.2 per cent during the fourth quarter. The direct result will be to cut gross domestic product in the fourth quarter by about 0.4 percentage points, even disregarding any knock-on effects on other industries, such as equipment manufacturing and railway transport. The coal industry

Pit closures could prolong Britain's recession. It could now last for ten quarters

cuts could therefore guarantee that the recession, as measured by official statistics, will continue into the fourth quarter. A decline in GDP during the fourth quarter would make this recession the longest in British history, with ten consecutive quarters of economic decline. Between 1979 and 1981, GDP declined for only five quarters.

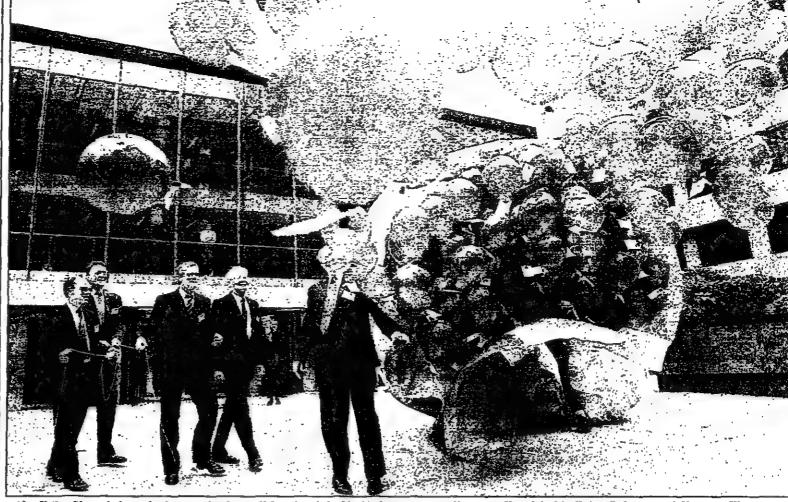
The August production fig-ures showed weakness across a wide range of industrial sec-tors, with the exception of North Sea oil and gas and investment goods. The most significant fall was in consumer goods output, which fell 0.7 per cent in the month, largely as a result of cuts in car output

There was also a sharp 1.5 per cent fall in water and energy output, excluding oil and gas extraction. Government statisticians said the three-month output trend was still slightly positive.

Both manufacturing output and industrial production Looking further ahead, the were 0.1 per cent higher in the last three months than in the three months before. But officials conceded that this trend looked favourable than in July. The CSO said the underlying rate of growth in manufacturing output was now only 0.5 per cent annually. Last month it estimated the growth trend as

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MANUFACTURING OUTPUT (1985=100)



Lift off: ProShare is launched yesterday by Neil Stapley, left, Sir Christopher Harding, Geoffrey Maddrell, Joe Palmer, and Sir Peter Thompson

# Campaign aims for wider share ownership

By Jonathan Prynn and Lindsay Cook

A campaign to promote individual share ownership, under pressure from high dealing charges and the volatile stock market, was launched in London yesterday, with backing from industry, the govern-

ment and the Stock Exchange. The ProShare Association takes over from the Wider Share Ownership Council, which was set up in the 1980s to preach the gospel of shareholder democracy, but failed to convince the vast majority of thing other than a handful of privatisation stocks.

Unlike its predecessor, the ProShare council is well funded with a budget of more than £1 million a year for its first three years, and will take a more active role in helping small investors understand the mechanics of active invest-

shock. We knew it was com-

ing, we had a fair idea of the

size of the cuts. The thing that

has taken our breath away is

the staggering speed with

which it will happen." He said

member companies had not

had chance to work out what

the effect on business will be.

retary at Hunslet Holdings,

the Telfos subsidiary in Leeds

that supplies underground

railway engines, said the com-

reduced. Over 40 per cent of its sales are still with British

Coal, but he said: "We antici-

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ment in the stock market. Sir Peter Thompson, the chairman of ProShare, and the president of NFC, one of Britain's most successful examples of the benefits of employee share ownership. frankly admitted the scale of the task facing the body. What we've embarked on is almost like climbing Everest."

The difficulties facing the new campaign were heavily underlined by further evi-dence that illiquidity, one of the main deterrents for small investors, is cominuing to dog trading in smaller stocks.

In a move designed to breathe some life into trading of very illiquid stocks, the Stock Exchange announced a new quote-based service to operate along side the bulletin board system set up in April.

The new system, to be called the Stock Exchange Alternative Trading Service. (Seats) will begin on November 16. and will allow for the registrament in shares has also been tion of single market-makers alongside the bulletin board.

Sir Andrew Hugh-Smith. chairman of the Stock Ex-change, said the bulletin board "was never intended to be set in stone and in spite of the fact that it has proved successful for many companies. the lack of continuous two-way rices has been a concern

investors and companies". The liquidity problem was also highlighted by news that UBS Phillips & Drew is to stop making a market in more than 200 small and mediumsized UK stocks. UBS said the stocks it had abandoned were traded infrequently and called for a more efficient means of

trading "illiquid securities." UBS still makes market in Direct individual invest-

hit by the popularity of collective investment products. Figures released yesterday showed that a record £2.26 billion was invested in personal equity plans in the year ending on April 5. Last year, 640,000 conven-

tional Peps were taken out and, in the period from Januyear, a further 110,000 single company plans were invested with total subscriptions of £270 million. These Peps were launched in January and allow investors to invest up to £3,000 in a single company each year in addition to a separate Pep of up to £6,000. Investors who sign up for

tor general of the CBI, said. Recalling 1987, page 25

membership of ProShare at

£30 a year, will receive a range

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A separate initiative aimed

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plaining that the City is not

interested in investing for the

longer term, if we are failing to

get our message across." Mark Radcliffe, deputy direc-

at least 100,000 members.

# Pit closures will create jobs fallout

By Patricia Tehan

TENS of thousands of jobs will go and hundreds of British Coal suppliers will suffer after this week's decision to close 31 mines and axe 30,000 jobs by March.

British Rail's most profitable business, its rail freight arm, will be worst hit. Trainload Freight contributed a £67.5 million operating surplus to BR in the year to March 1992. It was by far its most profitable business but the group slumped into a £144.7 million loss after interest and exceptional items.

Trainload carried 75 million tonnes of coal, 60 million tonnes of it to the power generators. This compares INTEREST RATES with just 18 million tonnes of metal, 13 million tonnes of construction products and 10 million tonnes of petrol. Rail unions were yesterday

seeking meetings with BR to assess the implications of the pit closures on rail jobs. Jimmy Knapp, general sec-retary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union, said the closures "beggared belief". He

did not rule out industrial Derrick Fullick, of Aslef, the footplatemen's union, said he feared 11 coal depots would have to close with up to 5,500

men either losing their jobs or having to be relocated. A Trainload spokeswoman said it was too early to say what the effect would be as the company's customers, the power generators and other industrial firms, determine what it carries. She said if the generators switch from British

coal to imports. Trainload would bid to carry the imports. Mining equipment suppli-ers will be forced out of business. Yesterday, there was

British Coal commercial direc had already closed their doors. tor, said the pit closures are Bill Morrell, director general of the Association of British likely to lead to the closure of 12 coal-fired power stations with the loss of 5,000 jobs. He Mining Equipment Companies, with 50 members emsaid teams of mining contracploying 22,000 staff, said: tors will be laid off and The whole of the mining equipment suppliers will be machinery manufacturing inslaughtered". dustry is in a deep state of

Mr Edwards said British Coal contracts out services including catering and cleaning, engineering and accounting, which will all be hit. He estimated that for each

of the 30,000 British Coal miners and administrators who lose their jobs another one from the supply industry will go. That, he said, was a conservative estimate.

☐ The Nottingham Building Society said yesterday that it was ready to give financial advice to miners and their pany has been building up its overseas markets as its busifamilies, following the anness with British Coal has nouncement that nine pits are to close in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire coalfields by March. The society will open its

pate that it will reduce". Howdoors to anyone, not just ever, he said Hunslet expects customers, who need advice to continue to provide soares on how to cope and service to remaining pits.

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#### **Lord Forte** bows out after 60 years

By Jon Ashworth

ROCCO Forte has been elected chairman of the Forte hotel and catering group, taking over from his father, Lord Forte of Ripley, who is retiring after 60 years in the business. Lord Forte will take over

from Lord Thorneycroft as president of the company. Sir Anthony Tennant, chairman of Guinness, has been appointed non-executive deputy chairman. Sir Paul Girolami. chairman of Glaxo Holdings. has been made a non-executive director.

Mr Forte, who is now chairman and chief executive. takes on his new role at a difficult time for the leisure industry. The Forte group saw interim profits fall from £42 million to £24 million in the half year to July. Earnings per share dropped from 3.8p to 1.6p. The shares, which topped 350p in 1989, eased 3p to 150p yesterday.

Life begins at Forte, page 27

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Glyke produces a glitch for Wellcome shares

By MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE life of a pharmaceuticals analyst is not for the nervous. Misunderstood and ill-digested reports from obscure medical journals can dramatically destabilise share prices that are in the stratosphere by comparison with the rest of the stock market.

But the rumour that sent shares in

the mighty Wellcome crashing yesterday morning was a cracker even by the sector's standards. The evocatively named Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine claimed to have found a plant extract that inhibited HIV. Reports from Hong Kong suggested

that clinical studies proved the medi-cine had no side effects and was a safer alternative to AZT, the commonly used chemical drug that is a big money-spinner for Wellcome.

The herbal drug, extracted from the Chinese herb Glycyrriza uralensis and named "glyke," was apparently developed by experts who spent four years Tanzania researching the virus

Wellcome shares were off 12p before ending 7p lower at 949p. Franc Gregori, pharmaceuticals analyst at Robert Fleming, said: "My background is as a pharmacist, and this is something I would take very much

with a pinch of salt." He is sticking to his five-year forecast that earnings at Wellcome will exceed 20 per cent and points out that AZT is far from being the company's only compound.

A more cynical view might be that it is almost impossible for a stockbroker to lose money by selling when the shares are firm and picking up the stock cheap after the next rumour.

The Wellcome publicity machine has fought a losing battle against bizarre market rumours since the company went public on the drug in the mid-1980s. A cure for Aids is a medical Holy Grail, and the immense amount of work going on around the world produces a plethora of research.

cures often touted by charlatans, which over the years have included Chinese cucumbers, peptide tea and extract of crab. AZT was initially a natural product

originating in herring sperm, although it is now manufactured at some expense, and similar natural remedies could exist somewhere. But a Wellcome spokeswoman said: "There's a long way between early stage results and having a product that's licensed, on the market and useful. I think it's wrong to people

who have HTV and Aids to make them believe that something is very close to the answer they want, because it may Adding to this are the off-the-wall

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N Brown proves it is still able to deliver what the City wants

PURELY as a measure of the changes that have rocked the retail sector since the glory days of the mid-1980s, yesterday's interim figures from N Brown Group score highly. Five years ago it was the trendy, fast-growing, high street niche boutiques that set the City's pulses racing. Now, in the depths of the recession, a Manchester company specialising in mail order catalogues for middle-aged customers is proving one of the top performers in the

At 2 time when the retail market is still flat on its back. N Brown's figures are undoubtedly impressive. Pre-tax profits for the half year to end-August were up 14.5 per cent at £7.44 million, while likefor-like sales rose almost 10 per cent. The interim dividend is up 11 per cent to 1.95p.

Some of the improvement is due to the acquisition of Odhams, the electrical equipment mail order retailer, from the receivers last December. But the real strength of N Brown is its commitment to long-term investment. The pain of the major reorga-nisation of its warehousing has now flowed through the profit and loss account and the benefits, both in terms of customer service and reduced costs, should be felt from now

The only small blemish on the record is an unfortunate foray into property and finan-cial services dating back to the mid-1980s. These operations only broke even in the first half of the year but the company seems happy to run with them until market conditions pick up.

Prospects in the early weeks of the Autumn season contin ue to look promising with annual growth in orders running to high single digits, the company says. The company could easily make £18.5 million pre-tax profits in the current year, giving about 17p of earnings. On yesterday's price of 288p, up 7p, the



Firefighter: Gerry Robinson has put his stamp on Granada over the past year

shares are rated on a multiple of just under 17 times. Despite Brown's reputation for delivering the goods, physically and financially, the shares have suffered in the recent markdown of smaller company stocks and, at a 5 per cent discount to the sector. look on the cheap side.

#### Granada

JUST a year ago, an "ignorant upstart caterer" took over at the top of that pearl of independent television. Granada Group. The epithet, coined by the comedian John Cleese, was accepted, with rather more grace than it was bestowed, by Gerry Robinson, who moved across from Compass Group after the sacrifice of Derek Lewis, the former chief executive.

Only last week, Mr Robinson was again stamping his authority on Granada with the appointment of Graham Wallace, formerly group fi-nance director, to replace For Cole, who built up the British rental business, now accounting for more than half

The City is now wondering where Mr Robinson, after a year of fire-fighting which saw the share price rise £1 to 269p, will take Granada. A reported interest in Gardner Merchant, the catering business which Forte has already narrowly failed to sell to Mr Robinson's old employer, Compass, points towards the services sector.

Much of the lustre has come off Granada TV since the franchise round which propelled newcomers such as Curiton Communications into the limelight. Rentals is a mature business in a duopol shared with Thorn EMI and will clearly be run for cash.

Lindsay Russell, at Normara, is confident that Mr Robinson will not repeat the ambitious acquisitions like Gardner Merchant will perforce require equity issues. Shareholders could be therefore heading for interesting, if

#### choppy, waters again. Thorntons

THE recent general election has been blamed for many of the country's ills. but adding to these poor Easter egg sales would seem to stretch credibility. Nevertheless, Thorntons insists the threat of the impending poll frightened people away from the high

street and prevented them buying chocolate goodies. This and the heatwave in early summer caused like-forlike sales to fall 4 per cent in the first six months of the year, and pre-tax profits for the year to end-June fell 23 per cent to £9.2 million. John Thornton, the chairman, is leading an agressive expansion drive. He is planning to ncrease the number of shops in Britain in the next five years from 395 to 650. In the same period, Thorntons in-tends to triple its chain in France to 150 stores, despite losses of £750,000 last year.

The timing of Thorntons expansion is understandable. Two years ago it cost the group £170,000 to rent and fit out a new store. The property up has reduced that to only £50,000.

Even so, the plans show more confidence in the economy than most other reallers have, and Thorntons may saturate the British high street long before it reaches its target. At least the expansion will not strain the group's balance sheet. Thornton's net debt is only \$2 million and the group should be able to fund most of the openings from cash flow.

In the shorter term, profits should rebound to £11.3 million this year. But a p/e ratio of 14 already discounts the rovement and the shares at 165p are up with events.

#### London's investment challenges **New York**

BY NEUL BENNETT

THE pace of international investment continues to quicken despite the world recession. according to a report by Technimetrics, the investor relations data company.

The report says London is challenging New York as the world's second largest investment centre, despite fund managers pulling almost \$5 billion out of America in the

Tokyo maintains its place as the world's most powerful investment city, despite a disastrous fall in the value of its funds under management because of the slump in the Japanese stock market.

The report shows that fund managers throughout the world are continuing to expand their international shares portfolios. The total of foreign equities held by American fund managers rose by 6 per cent to \$132 billion, while fund managers in Switzer-land, France and Germany increased their investments in American companies by almost 20 per cent.

Technimetrics estimated that Japanese investment firms bought a net \$3.6 billion of foreign equifies in the past year although this is a sharp fall from 1990.

The City's fund managers turned their backs on American market to concentrate on investing in fixed bonds and continental European equities. The value of London's holdings in America fell \$4.7 billion to \$48.8 billion, while European assets rose 11 per cent to \$80.9 billion.

Funds managed in Tokyo fell \$121 billion, but the city is easily the largest equity centre in the world with \$1,692 billion under management.

Second is New York, where funds rose \$86 billion to \$507 billion. The value of assets managed in the City rose \$67. billion to \$477 billion. The City controls almost twice as many assets as Geneva, its nearest European rival, while the combined investments managed in Paris and Frankfurt total only \$304 billion.

# Serif returns to the black after shake-up

HEAVY restructuring at Serif, once best known as the maker of Trivial Porsuit, has sent the group back into the black at half-time, a pre-tax profit of £143,000 in the six months to end-June contrasting with a loss of £855,000 last time. Shares in the former stock market high-flier celebrated with a 3p rise to 142p despite an attributable loss of £571,000 after a £714,000 extraordinary item. This relates mainly to further write offs following the closure of businesses

There is again no interim dividend. John Pryke, the chief executive, said the business was now trading profitably. although margins were tight and the printing markets the group serves were still highly competitive. Serif no longer produces Trivial Pursuit and has also ended a brief flintation with Nintendo, the games manufacturer. The management is planning further product rationalisation and cost-cutting.

#### News Corp issue

THE issue of 40 million new shares in The News Corporation, the international media group that owns The Times, will raise US\$697 million, the maximum hoped. The international issue, which is being handled by Merrill Lynch in four tranches, has been priced at Aus 24.10 (£10.20) in Australia, near to market prices, while the issue of American depository receipts, which will absorb 18 million of the new shares, is priced at US\$34.83. News Corp is also to raise US\$1 billion in senior debt. Proceeds of the share issue, which will increase share capital by more than 10 per cent, will be used to reduce bank horrowings.

#### Stempel in hospital

ROBERT Stempel, chairman of General Motors, is expected to remain in George Washington University hospital in Washington until today at least, the company said. Mr Stempel, 59, was admitted to the hospital Toesday afternoon after falling ill during a business meeting. Mr Stempel has undergone tests to find the cause of the illness. He was reported to be stable but in a serious condition, although in good spirits and anxious to return to work.

#### Pochin's steady

POCHIN'S, the building and civil engineering contractor, maintained profits at \$2.4 million before tax in the year to end-May, despite a 15 per cent fall in turnover to £32.8 million, helped by income from land and property sales. The contracting business and the plant and concrete pumping company both suffered as a result of the recession. The final dividend is 21p (16p), making 29p (24p) for the year, payable from earnings marginally lower at 167.6p, against 169.6p.

#### Property group in red

CAPITAL and Regional Properties is holding the interim dividend at 0.3p a share. The property investment company incurred losses of £136,805 before tax in the half-year to June 26, against profits of £248,027 in the first half of 1991 when there was a £451,000 surplus from a property sale. Losses were 1.48p a share, compared with earnings of 1:12p. The company is to continue acquiring property in Britain and is seeking further investment opportunities in America.

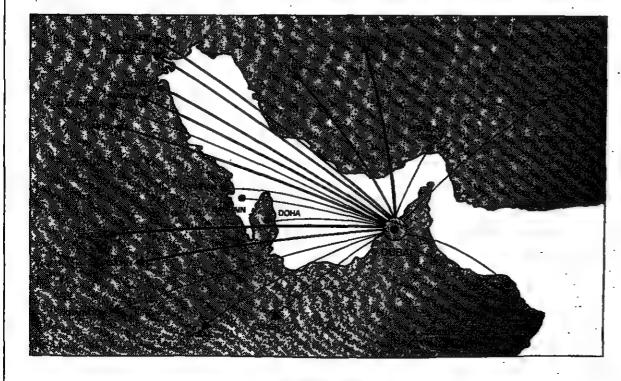
#### Delyn lifts payout

DRLYN Group, the packaging company, is increasing the interim dividend by 11 per cent from 0.45p a share to 5p, after lifting profits from £218,000 before tax to £500,000 in the half-year to August 2. Profits included an exceptional credit of £104,000 from the sale of land for development. Earnings rose from 1.27p a share to 3.94p. Turnover was reduced from £6.63 million to £6 million but operating profits advanced from £442,000 to £496,000.

#### Berry Birch advances

BERRY Birch & Noble: the financial services company, is doubling its saterim dividend to 2p a share and has restated its intention to consider further acquisitions. In the six months to end-July, pre-tax profits rose from £368.392 to

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By JONATHAN PRYNN \$91.4 million. Philippe Kahn.

BORLAND International, the American computer software company that is quoted on the USM, has reported a turnround in its second-quarperformance from \$116.6 million pre-tax loss to a \$6.5 million profit.

The profit was struck on revenues for the three months to end-September of \$127.8 million, a 12 per cent increase The mmround was achieved mainly through a massive reduction in operating expenses from \$205.9 million to

the president, chairman and chief executive officer of the California company, said: strong initial demand for Quattro Pro for Windows." The results also reflect record revenues for the latest version of Paradox, one of its software

Net income per common share was \$0.2 compared with a loss of \$4.21 for the comparative period last year. There was no dividend payment.

£518.571 and earnings from 3.8p a share to 6.3p. Turnover was £3.16-million (£2.7 million). All five business streams, including personal financial planning, pensions and mortgages, reported increased levels of activity.

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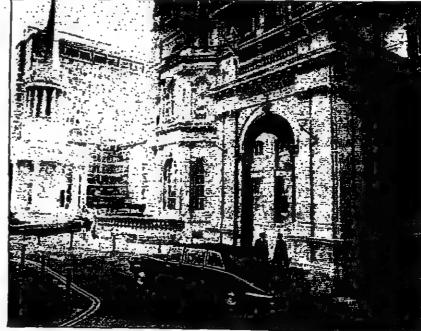
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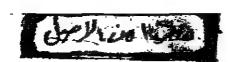
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ALAN Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Board chairman,

sidestepped attempts to press

him on the prospects of an imminent cut in American interest rates and indicated

that he was unsure whether

lieved that Mr Greenspan

would use this week's visit to

Japan to plan a co-ordinated reduction of interest rates with

The frailty of the American recovery, which has lost Presi-

dent Bush support in the run-

up to the November election.

has brought increasing calls

for further easing, despite

gioom about the economic

outlook raised currency mar-

ket expectations that Norman

Lamont, the Chancellor, will

soon be forced to cut interest

rates to prevent the economy taking a downward lurch.

After a modest recovery,

sterling shed almost three

pfennigs overnight on Tues-

day to open just above DM2.50. But disappointing

industrial output data, plans

for coal mine closures and a report in The Times that

government policymakers are still considering big interest rate cuts combined to keep the currency below DM2.50 for

much of the day. By the official London close

at 4pm, it had edged back up

to DM2.5010, still almost two

and three-quarter pfennigs be-low its previous close. It

dropped almost one and a haif

cents to \$1.7065 and slipped

0.7 on its trade-weighted in-

In the money markets, senti-

ment changed on a Bundes-

bank announcement that

there will be no press confer-

ence after today's policy-set-ber was last ting council session in Frank-DM92 billion.

more cuts were necessary. Wall Street economists be-

Japanese authorities.

Greenspan unsure

over need for

more US rate cuts

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

fears monetary policy

Speaking in Tokyo yesterday, Mr Greenspan insisted that

his meetings with Tasushi

Mieno, the governor of the Bank of Japan, and Tsutomu

Hata, the Japanese finance

minister, were simply to ex-change views. He said he did

not know whether further

monetary easing was needed.

furt. Three-month money still

points to base rates about half

a point lower, but the one-

month rate was consistent

City economists increasing-

ly see domestic economic con-ditions crying out for lower interest rates, but fear that Mr

Lamont could delay in order to gain credibility for his

while signalled in its monthly

report, out yesterday, that it is

unlikely to cut interest rates

very soon and that it remains wholly committed to fighting inflation. It highlighted the significant fall in German

rates last month on the back of

the firmer mark, but stressed

that even under conditions

complicated by cash inflows from abroad, the bank had to

try to maintain control over

money supply growth.

Jacques de Larosiere, gover-

nor of the Bank of France,

revealed that France and

Germany spent more than

\$32 billion in their successful

defence of the franc last.

month. The Bundesbank's

total intervention in Septem-

inflation-targeting policy.

with the present 9 per cent.

American interest rates at the lowest for three decades. Mr Greenspan said that if the official diagnosis of the

**Economic gloom** 

depresses pound

By OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

Fed chairman

may not work on

asset price falls

recession linked to

"very slow economic growth" would be expected. He ex-plained that asset price defla-

tion in its present form was a new phenomenon that made it very difficult to gauge how much economies still needed

to adjust. All monetary policy

could do, he said, was to

maintain some growth by extending the period of adjust-

ment for the debt overhang.

Mr Greenspan said the high level of private sector debt

was the cause of America's

sluggish climb out of reces-

sion, as consumers and com-

panies were having to repay borrowings instead of foster-

ca rose 0.3 per cent in Septem-

ber, the biggest jump for five months, after an 0.1 per cent

increase in August. A surge in

petrol and tobacco prices ac-

counted for most of the Sep-

tember gain, according to Angus Armstrong, economist at Morgan Grenfell.

ican retail sales up 0.3 per cent in September after a flat

August August sales had pre-

viously been reported to show an 0.5 per cent drop.

the latest economic indicators,

even though they provided no

sign of more than a very gradual recovery. Inflationary

pressures were seen posing no

threat, despite the pick-up in

producer prices in September, a movement regarded a tem-

porary. Despite a short-lived rise after release of the eco-

nomic data, the dollar drifted

lower against the mark, end-

ing at DM 1.4635 on the view

that they were not favourable

enough to lift currency out of

The economic picture could

however reduce the Fed's per-

ceived scope for cutting inter-est rates again this side of the

its recent trading range.

Analysis were reassured by

Other figures showed Amer-

ce

#### ing growth through increased spending. Earlier, in a speech to Tokyo bankers, Mr Greenspan un-derlined the importance of building on the progress made in lowering inflation expectations, as price stability was the most important contribution Shares in Clinton Cards, the greeting card retailer, jumped 10p to 71p as the normal season pre-tax loss for the six months to August 1 fell to £1.29 million (£2.34 million). Don Lewin, left, chairman, and Clinton Lewin, founder, expect a substantial full-year improvement central bankers could make to general economic well-being. Wholesale prices in Ameri-

#### for last-minute compromise By Jon Ashworth

**C&J Clark board searches** 

DIRECTORS of C&J Clark, the West Country shoe manufacturer, were meeting late last night in the hope of striking a peace deal with a group of rebel shareholders.

Two sides of the Clark family have fallen out over boardroom strategy. Hopes were rising yesterday, however, that a compromise may be found ahead of tomorrow's shareholders' meeting near Street, in Somerset, where Clarks has its headquarters.

The rebels, led by Lance Clark, requisitioned the meeting to seek the removal of Walter Dickson, the chairman, and Jim Power, a nonexecutive director. They may be prepared to relax their demands if Clarks agrees to appoint an independent committee to assess bids from outside investors.

Clarks, one of Britain's big-

gest private companies, has confirmed it is in talks with at least four potential suitors who are willing to pay about £150 million for a controlling stake. One approach is backed by Electra Investment Trust, the

venture capital group.
Clarks, which has sales approaching £600 million a year, is believed to have spent El million defending itself against the rebels. The cost will anger shareholders who have seen their income fall dramatically.

Operating profits fell from £38.6 million to £28.4 million last year. Redundancy costs and a slump in trade fueled a pre-tax loss of £3.5 million (profit: £2.5 million) in the six months to end-June. Tomorrow's meeting is set to be a stormy affair. The rebels have been highly critical of Mr Dickson who was appointed

chairman just 15 months ago. They claim he has failed to implement changes suggested by McKinsey, the management consultancy, which were designed to reverse the slump in fortunes at Clarks.

The Clark loyalists have, in turn, raised questions about Michael Markham, a financier, who is seeking a place on the board. Mr Markham, 40, is described in a circular to shareholders as "an experienced businessman with an outstanding record in corporate turnarounds".

In the late-1980s, Mr Markham advised British shareholders seeking a boardroom coup at Southern Resources, the Australian gold mining company. There, the rebels succeeded in removing five directors from the board. but the company has since gone into receivership.

# **Isosceles sells stores** chain to Fitzwilton

FTTZWILTON, the Irish motor and food distribution group headed by Tony O'Reilly, is buying Wellworth. the Northern Ireland supermarket chain, from Isosceles for £122 million. The offbalance sheet deal will more than triple the Irish company's

The deal is a relief to Isosceles, which scapped its plans to float Wellworth as an independent company last month because of poor stock market conditions. It had been estimated the flotation would raise £150 million, but the sale will still bring relief to

Isosceles' balance sheet. Fitzwilton's acquisition. however, is one of the most highly leveraged to be seen in the stock market for years. The company is buying Wellworth through an off-balance-sheet vehicle called Erne Holdings. Erne itself is capitalised at less

year to end-June, Fitzwilton's profits tumbled 68 per cent to Ir£298,000. Wellworth's profits in the year to end-April £236 million. Fitzwilton is buying a 42.7 per cent stake in Erne for £18

than £50 million. In the half-

million. The rest of the shares are being bought by an institutional consortium led by County NatWest Ventures, while Erne is borrowing more than £80 million. To strengthen Fitzwilton's

balance sheet, Mr O'Reilly is injecting £9 million in loan stock into the company. Kevin McGoran, Fitz-

wilton's deputy chairman, denied the acquisition was highly geared and stressed that Erne would not have any recourse on the company. "We have found an imaginative way to make this acquisition without undue risk," he said.

#### Thorntons ends year on a bitter note

By Neil Bennett

POOR Easter egg sales and reorganisation costs cut profits by 23 per cent at Thorntons, the chocolate retailer, to £9.2 million for the year to end-

It blamed the drop in egg sales on uncertainty caused by the general election. Profits were also hit by a £750,000 loss from the group's 58 shops in France. The final dividend is being held at 2.4p, making 3.65p for the year.

The group's profits were also hit by exceptional reorganisation costs of £630,000 and a £440,000 fall in the value of its development properties. These were offset by a £250,000 profit on the sale of

a shop in Paris. John Thornton, the chairman, is planning a rapid expansion of the group's chain

As the scheduled carriers

confronted yet another year of

enormous losses - thought

was that the industry is facing



Thornton: expansion plan

of shops to take advantage in the fall in rents. In the next five years, the group expects to open 255 shops in Britain and 100 in France, bringing its total to 800.

#### Conran allowed to buy shares in Fitch

consultancy agreement.

to grant RSCG a temporary injunction banning Sir Terence from subscribing to shares in Fitch or otherwise being directly engaged in a rival business Sir Terence, 61, who founded Habitat in 1964, was

chairman of the Storehouse group until he resigned in 1990. Conran Design was bought from Storehouse by RSCG in July that year. At the same time, Sir Terence's personal services company, Ter-

SIR Terence Conran has ence Conran Ltd, signed an exclusive three-year agree-ment with RSCG pledging his

> the consultancy agreement terms did not prevent Sir trolling interest with others.

By OUR CITY STAFF

fought off an attempt to stop bim buying into Fitch, an alling design company that was regarded as a potential competitor by Euro RSCG, the French group to which Sir Terence is committed under a

A High Court judge refused

#### services to Conran Design as a consultant. It was in the light of that agreement that RSCG sought an interim court injunction pending a full trial. Mr Justice Vinelott held that

Terence from acquiring an interest in a competing business "as an investment". He was not a full-time employee of RSCG and was free to use his remaining time in pursuit of his own interests. On the evidence, his interest in Fitch would not conflict with his consultancy obligations. He would not be acquiring control of Fitch as he would be sharing the 60 per cent con-



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# Airlines fear financial crash landing

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT, IN GENEVA

LEADERS and regulators of catastrophe. Banks around the the world's civil aviation industry yesterday turned on each other with increasing pouring cash into airlines which, apart from a few excep-tions such as British Airways, seem incapable of turning it bitterness as they sought to find excuses for what many see as their headlong rush to-wards the financial abyss. into profits.

Giovanni Bisignani, chair-

man of the Association of

disaster and urged govern-

now to be at least \$3 billion -European airlines blamed America, Americans blamed more than \$6 billion and that there was no sign of any European governments, and recovery next year. individual countries within Bernard Attali, chairman of Air France, suggested that the move towards "open skies" in Europe blamed each other. The only point of agreement at the conference in Geneva Europe could be a potential

ments to rethink the timetable for its introduction. He said: "How can the air navigation and airport infrastructures at our disposal today possibly suffice to handle the additional traffic which will come out

of liberalisation? Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, who is now fighting battles in America, Australia, France and at home in Britain to try to turn British Airways into a global airline, turned on his critics around the world.
"Judging from some current
attitudes it seems to me that

could be in danger of coming

to a philosophical halt and then drifting backwards." The sense of impending

doom hanging over the indus-try made the problems facing Dan-Air, Britain's oldest airline, appear almost inconsequential. It is becoming clear that if it, or any successor airline, is to survive, costs will have to be cut to the bone. BA, which refused to comment on the negotiations to

save Dan-Air, is anxious to

avoid costly and lengthy legis-

lative hurdles that may be put by the Monopolies and Merg-ers Commission or the Euro-

pean Commission in the way of any proposed deal.

European Airlines, said that in the past two years the air transport industry had lost

# **UK Land loses £42m**

UK LAND, the property group, lost £42.4 million in the 18 months to end-March. The losses have wiped out the group's net assets, leaving it with a negative net worth of £31.9 million. UK Land is in

item and a £24.1 million writedown, taken as an extraordinary item, in the value of the group's investment properties and in the value of the development subsidiaries that passed into liquidation

Interim results for the six months to end-September, showed a £454,000 pre-tax loss. There are no dividends for any of the periods reported.

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direct talks with its creditor. banks with a view to restructuring the company under the terms of the Insolvency Act. The damage was inflicted by a £20 million exceptional

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STOCK MARKET

# Investors stay on the sidelines

THE continuing climate of dex ended with a reduced gloom kept investors on the sidelines, and shares drifted lower in the absence of a much-hoped for base rate cut. while the widely-apped megabid bid also failed to materialise.

The gloom in the City was highlighted by a late announcement of 15 job losses at UBS Phillips & Drew as the securities house decided to cease making a market in more than 150 "infrequently" traded UK stocks and 50 derivatives. P&D will continue to trade 850 stocks in London.

Traders were also concerned about the OECD prediction that America's weak upturn would slow world economic recovery. A Stock Exchange computer breakdown caused confusion, as the fault meant that prices were not updated for 15 minutes. The market continued to trade despite indicative prices, although market-makers had to confirm prices on the phone.

A positive start on Wall Street and a small premium on the December FT-SE futures lifted sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 in-

**GOVERNMENT** securities

were unimpressed by a com-bination of factors ranging

from sterling's performance

which saw the pound slide

back below DM2.50 and

weakness on international

bond markets, especially in

Germany and France. The US

long bond also opened easier.

long gilt lost ten ticks to

£971/32, on a relatively quiet

volume of 25,000 contracts

traded. However, index-linked gilts perked up, with gains stretching to a point.

Shorter-dated securities

held up better than the longs

as the government managed

to sell the latest tap of

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raising about £800 million.

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was virtually unchanged, ris-

At the longer end, Treasury

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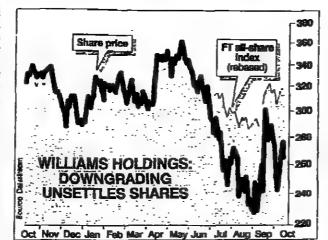
ticks down at £954/32.

On the futures market, the

deficit of 10.0 points at 2,574.7, having been down 21.8 at one stage. Volume reached 487.1 million shares. Concern about a price probe

by Offer, the industry watchdog, inio the way the National Grid charges for electricity continued to unsettle the generators. PowerGen. which County NatWest expects to under-perform in the shortterm, lost 13p to 267p, and National Power fell 13p to 256p. Scottish Power firmed 22p to 195p on talk of Smith New Court advising a switch from PowerGen. Worries that Oftel, the telecommunications industry watchdog, may look at cellular telephones rattled Vodafone, down 5p at 342p, and BT. ap easier at 369ap.

The coal industry cuts weighed heavily on those exposed to British Coal, including Charter Consolidated, off 12p at 515p, and Dobson Park, 9p lower at 47p. Meanwhile, there were market rumours that Royal Bank of Scotland may be close to concluding a deal to sell its Charterhouse merchant banking operation for as much as



£250 million. Talk suggested that the supposed buyer for Charterhouse is a consortium of banks, said to be led by

could be completed as early as next month. Elsewhere in the sector, BZW reiterated its positive stance on Standard Char-

Smith New Court has cut its profit forecast for MFI from £72.5 million to £65 million for this year and from £87.5 million to £80 million for next year. Shares in the kitchen and furniture retailer eased 3p to 110p. against July's 115p issue price.

BHF of Germany and CCF of France. The reports were unconfirmed, but informed sources suggested that the deal

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

tered, off lp at 477p, and HSBC up 13p at 437p. BZW hopes they will reap benefits if China's party congress lifts

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the consumer and industrial products group, lost 9p to 267p after Hoare Govett downgraded its profit forecast and shifted its stance from "undervalued" to "hold". Weaker consumer demand in the United Kingdom and a slightly disappointing seasonal upturn in America prompted Hoare to trim this year's forecast by £3 million to £157 million and next year's by £10 million to £170 million.

Ladbroke Group fell 5p to 149p on a sell recommendation from Kleinwort Benson. ICI lost 10p to £10.53 as Credit Suisse First Boston repeated its 1993 profit forecast of £680 million. However. Andrew Porter at Nikko, the Japanese securities house, is looking for £900 in 1993. Mr Porter rates ICI shares a bity. He says investors should be looking to the proposed demerger, which is expected to value the company at over £12

Competition worries unsettled Wellcome, down 7p at 949p, after the Chinese academy of traditional medicine claimed to have found a plant extract effective in inhibiting

Glamo lost 9p to 782p, as County NatWest was said to have placed a line of 2.7 million shares at about 765p a share. A stock overhang at Siebe was blamed for a 10p slide in the share price to 330p. Arjo Wiggins Appleton lost 7p to 15 lp on reports of a UBS Phillips & Drew down-grade, while talk of a Cazenove profits downgrade saw BICC ease 11p to 240p.

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WORLD MARKETS

#### Dow inches ahead in early trading

ered their losses and moved back into positive territory in choppy late-morning action. While some investors were consolidating this week's gains, others continued to buy oversold stocks, analysis said. In addition, some stronger than expected earnings reports helped to bolster

sentiment. Jim Pizzo, a market strategist at Oppenheimer and Co, said: "What's helping a little bit is the fact that you are getting better than anticipated

earnings numbers."
The Dow Jones industrial average was up 3.51 points to 3,204.93 after rising to 3,210.88. In the broad market, advancing issues took a slim lead over declining issues in see-saw action.

□ Frankfurt — The market

ended with small losses which partly reversed Tuesday's strong gains. The Dax index. which had jumped by more than two per cent on Tuesday, ended 6.97 points lower at

1,458.53. A lower dollar, worries about changes to rules on taxfree allowances on earnings, and signs that the Bundesbank will not cut interest rates again in the near future depressed prices.

Hong Kong - Shares dosed at the day's high after an afternoon buying spree that ran against the market's cautious tone ahead of talks over the new airport.

The Hang Seng index finished 50.67 points higher, at 5.806.77, with blue chips doing best out of the spree. ☐ Singapore — Share prices closed mixed in brisk trading, with shipyards under light selling pressure and Malaysian companies traded over the counter hogging the active list, brokers said.

The Straits Times industrial index edged up 0.97 point to 1,333.85 on volume of 47.25 shares against 41.52 million on Tuesday. Rises and falls were even at 102. (Reuter)

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### Stuck in the pits of recession

eal economics rarely seem to intrude into that world of statistical relationships on which the Chancellor's new economic policy, like his old one, will be based. Even in this rarified atmosphere, however, the pit closure programme will surely be noticed. To conclude that this ministerial decision will prolong the recession is only a slight exaggeration. Government statisticians estimate the fall in coal output will reduce industrial production by 1.2 per cent, more noticeable because it will be concentrated over a few months. That is not the end of it. The cost to confidence of tidying up British Coal all at once for privatisation will be disproportionately high. The secondary impact on suppliers, especially in the North, will be scarcely less depressing, long before any effects stemming from unemployment which will be cushioned by redundancy pay. The economics of the railways will be severely upset and short-term public spending and borrowing will be given an unwelcome boost.

Attempting to relate such real events to Treasury economic policy underscores its limitations. A cut in interest rates, though welcome on other grounds, would hardly compensate. Nor would an offsetting cut in other government spending, though logical under the Chancellor's latest thinking, seem appropriate. The idea of the economy as a sort of resilient sponge, which obligingly contracts and expands according to Treasury adjustments of surrounding water pressure, is not tenable after such a long recession. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, admitted as much yesterday, despairing of what more American monetary policy could do about a recession linked to lower asset prices.

Too often, these shocks are themselves the product of government actions or policies formulated without much attempt to look through their second-round effects on the real economy. Much greater emphasis should be placed on the real economy as the centre of economic policy. Macroeconomic regulators are essential but accelerators and brakes are not much use if the engine is not working.

#### **Singing Canary**

anary Wharf's administrators have known for some time that the government was reconsidering the relocation of 2,000 civil servants to Docklands and the extension of the Jubilee Line, but still persisted, along with Canary Wharf's banks, in making their contribution to Jubilee conditional on the civil servants' move. With government expected to decide on both this week, the administrators, Ernst & Young, have made one last desperate pitch. They seem prepared to abandon linkage and have asked the prime minister to clarify. E & Y says it may have tenants interested in leasing more than one million sq fr of Canary Wharf and ten possible buyers. Who are these tenants and buyers? Whitehall was talking about leasing 900,000 sq it and only a couple of prospective purchasers have emerged so far. Perhaps the administrators have put their faith in the government as their saviour.

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After criticising Olympia & York, Canary Wharf's developer, for offering incentives to entice enough tenants to the scheme to give it momentum, the banks and administrators are now offering their own sweeteners - £100 million from the sale of a building in return for Jubilee and the government lease. Might they next offer to take over empty government office space? Both banks and administrators underestimated the travails of property management. If the government fails to ride to the rescue, the banks' should instal property developers with a solid track record, to restore the scheme's credibility and reassure existing tenants who have been brave

# Recalling a week when the bottom fell out of the stock market world

#### Jon Ashworth looks

back to those dark days of October 1987 when stock exchanges around

the world almost

reached meltdown

ive years ago today, some-thing very strange was hap-pening far out over the north Atlantic. In London, October 15, 1987 dawned with all the flair and energy that the eighties had come to symbolise. Red Porsches and mobile telephones, striped braces and Veuve Clicquot. The stock market was king, and dealers were having the time of their lives.

Yet out there, somewhere beyond the Bay of Biscay, an intense depression was whirling its way towards the coast of England. Nobody realised it at the time, but the face of the City was about to change forever. Soon, newspaper columns would be ringing with a new set of catchwords: the 1987 hurricane, the October crash, Black Monday. The intense depres-sion was here to stay.

Five years ago, in the early hours of Friday, October 16, the worst storms in living memory swept across south-em England. Eighteen people died and hundreds were injured as winds gusting up to 120 mph roared in from the Atlantic, carving a £300 million trail of devastation from Cornwall to East Anglia.

Houses and hotels collapsed and ships were wrecked. Fallen trees littered the roads, and power supplies and telephone connections were cut. Cars lay crushed and abandoned. Railway lines were blocked by trees and fallen debris. Few dealers and stockbrokers

made it to work that Friday, and those who did found little business waiting for them. British Rail estimated that more than 350,000 of the 400,000 daily commuters in the South East region failed to travel. Most City workers who made it to their desks were sent bome early.

The cost to British industry and finance was estimated to top £1 billion. The banking system was unable to process £100 billion in cheques. The Stock Exchange suspended its screen-based share quotation system for three hours at an estimated cost of £375 million in lost deals. Thousands of shops, offices and factories stayed closed.

The only hint of the financial storm. waiting to break were small headlines in Saturday's newspapers.

In The Times, under a photograph. f a Sealink ferry beached near Folkestone Harbour, was an innocuous headline; "Wall St suffers worst fall". Wall Street had fallen a record 108 points in the busiest trading session ever recorded on the New reported selling stocks by the fistful while waves of computer programmes hitting sell levels accelerated the decline. It was like living history, like nobody has seen before,

The wave of tension that had built



Monday morning blues: the storm of the previous week turned its fury on to City' dealing rooms

up since the night of the hurricane finally broke on Monday morning. sending share prices falling so steeply that dealers and market makers were erless to act. Shortly after 4pm, the FT-SE 100 index hit its low point for the day, down 301.1 points, wiping more than £63 billion of share values before rallying slightly to close

In New York, the Dow Jones average fell 508 points to 1,738.41, a decline of 22.6 per cent. Losses on Wall Street were almost double the 13 per cent drop seen in the worst day of the 1929 stock market crash. Computer trades triggered panic selling. The dollar plunged on for-

249.6 points down.

John Phelan, thairman of the New York Stock Exchange, said: "It was the nearest thing to a melidown I'm ever likely to see. If it wasn't a meltdown it was certainly as hot as I.

In London, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock cial revolution which had transformed the markets a year earlier, watched the events of the day with a mixture of horror and fascination. "I do remember saying at the time that the physical storm was some sort of premonition," Sir Nicholas, now

chairman of TSB, said, thinking back to the events of October 1987. "1 recall making my way through the London streets on Friday. They were strewn with branches and leaves. I've never seen anything like it in my life. Hyde Park was like a battlefield. The scenes of devastation across Sussex and Kent were quite incredible."

He was one of the few people who made it to the Stock Exchange on the morning after the storm. "I think I took the Tube. I made it in on Friday and was very lonely." Monday's chaos, in turn, put his vision for the financial markets brought in by Big Bang to the ultimate test. He was not disappointed. "The systems held up

y mid-morning on Monday, Nick Brigstocke, then head of UK equities at Bardays de Zoete Wedd, had largely given up trying to guess where the market might settle. "On Friday we were in pitch darkness or candles," Mr Brigstocke, now deputy chairman corporate banking at BZW, recalls, "We were very short of staff; about a fifth of the market makers were there, and we had the whole of the weekend to build up to Monday. It might have been better if

it had not been so truncated. There would have been less pent-up selling pressure." The falls, when they came. were unbelievable. "On the screens. prices were changing before your eyes. I can still remember the trauma watching it happen."

Ian Stevenson, then at Wood Mackenzie, remembers driving to work the morning after the hurricane. "During the night one sensed this was something very unusual."
Mr Stevenson, now at Smith New Court, says. "Next to the Old Bailey there was a BMW with a wheekdamp and a tree on top. That day was almost like a bucket of cold water.

"On Friday night, we had news of very bad balance of trade figures from America. On Monday, the door just opened up and prices fell. Institutions were coming on the line and saying, 'Show me any bid for any

Reputations were made and tarnished. Former dealers at County NatWest still recall how Brian making, took Black Monday in his stride. Laurence Marsh, who provides research for market makers at Winterflood Securities, says: "He spent the whole day walking up and down the aisles, calming everyone and keeping an eye on things." A

senior dealer at James Capel says: "The most memorable bit was finding Wall Street was down 508 points.

Share prices tumbled around the world. Hong Kong saw its biggest ever one-day fall with the Hang Seng index diving 420.8 points. The Australian stock market collapsed, wiping A\$10 billion off share values, and the Paris bourse lost 9 per cent of its value in the sharpest falls seen in circums.

Rumours of fortunes made and lost swept the market. One London investor was reputed to have spent £1,000 on Footsie put options gambling that the stock market would fall - and reaped about £230,000 from the chaos.

other way and was sued by NatWest for more than £1 million when the markets plummeted. He was earning £12,000 a year at the time and had not understood the danger he was in writing options. Three NatWest employees were sacked. The bank came to an arrangement with the unfortu-

tic, the falls were greeted as the end of an era. On Wall Street, the bull market had been raging for more than five years and in Britain shares had been rising, more or less, since 1975. The crash not only marked the end

of the bull market but brought a new volatility to share trading. In 1987, a fall of 50 points on a day would have been greeted with horror. Today, dealers hardly bat an eyelid. The days following Black Monday gave the City a taste of what was to come. By close of trade on Tuesday, the FT-SE 100 index had fallen 500 points. On Wednesday, the market

bounced back 142 points, and on Thursday fell 110 points. On Friday it was down 38 points, and on Monday was down 111 points. The stock market hit its low point on November 9 when, according to Datastream, the FT-SE closed at 1565.2. The market hit a post-crash high of 2,737.8 on May 11 1992. At the end of Black Monday, the stock

market was valued at £382.8 billion. Today, it is worth £543 billion. Times may have changed for the City, but at least the sense of humour remains. One group of hardy City professionals plans to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the crash on Monday evening with a dinner at a suitable venue. The occasion has been masterminded by Rupert Ashe of Focus Communications, a City consultancy, whose memory of the

day sums up the heady excesses of the

On Monday morning, I was on the line to a futures commodity broker trying to extract myself from an extremely painful futures pos-ition," Mr Ashe says. He will be joined on Monday evening by Char-lie Martin, of Macfarianes, the law firm, Adam Speak, of Samuel Mon-tagu, and Tim Mayo, of James Capel, among others. "By hunchtime, I was heavily out of pocket but had sold Wall Street, and by six o' clock, i had just about broken even. It was the longest day of my life."

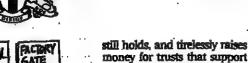
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#### Hammer falls at Barton Abbey

THE auctioneer's hammer will be falling in the grounds of yet another country house on Tuesday, but for once it has nothing to do with losses at Lloyd's. The sale, by Phillips, will take place at Barton Abbey, Oxfordshire, a 16th century mansion owned by Robin Fleming, chairman of Robert Fleming, the merchant bank and grandson of the bank's founder. Since the death of his mother last year, the house has been empty. Fleming, who lives in the former farm manager's house on the estate admits that he loves the Abbey, but at 60 he feels he is "too old" to move back into the house where he grew up. Instead, he is selling some of its surplus contents to permit extensive refurbishment, and hopes his son Philip. 27, and a property developer, will one day take up residence. "It is much better placed for young people," says Fleming. The sale is classified by Phillips as small and is expected to raise about £100,000. Fleming will at-tend, but says there is nothing in it he will particularly miss including the still life by Mark Gentler which, according to Phillips is the star attraction, and could fetch £12,000.

#### Following father

INSISTING that his chosen career path was coincidence rather than nepotism. Stephen Alexander, 36, is progressing well within the Allied-Lyons group. Alexander, who becomes managing



#### The A team DRAWING up an invitation

the Royal Ballet, Royal Opera.

list is always fraught with peril and Wimpey, the battered

House and Glyndebourne.

building firm, seems to have run into a few difficulties in deciding who from the large fraternity of construction analysts it should invite on its ongoing tour of minerals operations. The company has opted for one representative from each of eight broking firms, flying them to Ireland, Czechoslovakia and the east coast of America, and has thereby overlooked the remaining 40 or so that regulardirector of its Lyons food manufacturing subsidiary on Nov-ember 2, has not been ly attend its analysts' presentations. Wimpey, which last hampered by his education at month announced a £7 million interim loss, can reason-ably argue that the economic Winchester and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, although he does admit that he is not climate does not warrant a aware of any other worldwide jaunt at sharehold-Wykehamists at Allied. Nor ers' expense. It insists that has he been hampered by his father's influence, although he those who missed out will learn all at a presentation next Tuesday at the company's says that his father's presence at Allied, ten years ago, nearly deterred him from joining the and that, meanwhile, nothing company. "In terms of growing up in a food environment. price sensitive will be released. Who has made the A list is, for it has given me many advanthe moment, a secret.

> CITY wits, tired of hearing of the demise of one company after another have devised a sign-of-the-times joke, using, we hasten to add, one of the most financially sound busi-nesses in existence. It goes thus: "Heard the latest about Pedigree Petfoods? It has just had to call in the retrievers."

> > CAROL LEONARD

#### Performance of a thoroughbred? type scheme we have been able

#### From Mr Alan Routs

Sir, We are a long established very specialised, profitable company making quality control instruments for paint and allied coatings manufacturers and users: nearly 75 per cent of our sales are exports. We have not felt the effects

of recession, sales are nearly 20 per cent above last year and turnover this year will be 80 per cent higher than five years ago with compounded price increases of less than 20 per cent in the same period. Our total bad debts have been less than £4,000 in the last 5 years. Our bankers, Lloyds, have recently told us that not only could they not increase our borrowing facility but they would not renew our existing arrangements at the end of

October. Through an ECGD-

no longer do this because one of their customers using a similar scheme recently defrauded the bank using false export documents. Perhaps they will soon withdraw all cheque books from their customers for similar reasons. We paid nearly £48,000 last year in interest and bank charges, were regarded by the

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local area manager as an excellent customer and have been forced into the inconvenience of changing bank. Yours faithfully. A ROUTS. Managing Director. Sheen Instruments Ltd. 8 Waidegrave Road,

#### to obtain 90 per cent finance

From Mr Jonathon Sumption Sir, Thank you for publishing Mr Gray's letter (Oct 13). I run a business which has against export invoices: our bank now tells us that we can encountered the same VAT problem. My last quarter's VAT bill was £64,000. Of this. I had collected about £30,000 of VAT from my customers. The remaining £34,000 had to be borrowed from the bank at great cost.

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penalty was £6,400 yet I have to collect this amount at no cost to the revenue; so much for encouraging enterprise. As Mr Gray suggests, I wonder if European partners suffer such draconian penalties. Yours faithfully JONATHON SUMPTION, Foxmoor Nurseries.

#### Widening the debate on reform of occupational pension schemes

Teddington, Middlesex.

From Mr Roger M Westwood Sir, Sean Hand's letter of September 29 "Removing occupational pensions from the control of employers" offers an interesting development of David Blake's ideas. We hope that he will put his views to Professor Goode's committee and that they will not be rejected without first being rigorously examined.

of our own on some of the issues which Mr Hand raises? In the appalling aftermath of Maxwell, it might be comforting to hold the belief that the root of all pensions investment evil lies in the framework of trust law. The truth, sadly, is that individuals commit fraud and others, by being insuffi-ciently vigilant, allow them so to do. Other financial institutions, and therefore indirectly their investors. (for example banks and insurance com-

panies) are defrauded of sub-

May we offer a few thoughts

commentators (correctly) do not lay the blame on company law or the law of theft. Second, the idea of unitising

final salary pension schemes is

another notion of great appeal because it is apparently simple but, as Mr Hand knows, it requires rather more column centimetres to explain what it means in practice than it does to propose. Even a brief expla-nation would demonstrate that unitisation means the introduction of a one-way financial option against the scheme (any personal pension provider would, rightly, consider it outrageous to be required that they build such an option into their product). This would destabilise the finances of final salary schemes. As in any case of financial instability, some members might expect to profit handsomely but many would be losers. Third, after

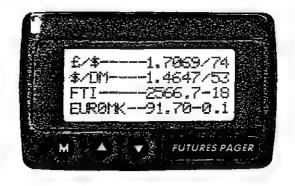
position whereby employers cannot write into contracts of employment the requirement that employees join their scheme. Mr Hand is a lawyer of liberal persuasion and we

expect that he views this as

positive. We are, however, tempted to think, judging by his remarks on direction of employers' contributions into employees pension schemes, that he harchanged again. This time, contracts of employment would have to include a provision that employers have to prop up their employees savings plans. Is this not inconsis-tent and illiberal? Yours faithfully,

ROGER M WESTWOOD, The Society of Pension Consultants (SPC). Ludgate House

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strained relationship," recalls Alexander. "Then we agreed

that we simply wouldn't talk about business." His father,

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mists said. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) said Japan's unadjusted customs-cleared trade sur-plus surged to \$52.5 billion in the six months to end-September from \$39.7 billion in the same period a year ago. In September alone, it rose to \$12.07 billion from \$9.66 billion a year earlier.

Taisuke Tanaka, chief economist at ABN Amro Bank, said: "I find no evidence of change in the growth trend in Japan's trade surplus." He and other economists

nomic recovery has funnelled manufacturers energy to exports, which made the trade surplus even bigger. Exports in April-September

said the slow Japanese eco-

rose 9.9 per cent in dollar terms, while imports rose only

The MoF official blamed the recent increase in Janan's exports on strong demand for Japanese products overseas, not on Japanese manufactur-

ers' efforts to boost exports. He declined to say whether the surplus would continue to rise, but no private economists expect a to decline in the near

future. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Dev-elopment forecasts growth in gross domestic product at 1.8

per cent in 1992, down from 4.4 per cent last year. Cuts in European interest rates also worked unfavourably for curbing the surplus. economists said and they have called on the government to take more aggressive measures to stimulate the

есопоту. "It is very fortunate for Japan that the US is in the middle of a presidential election and Europe is in a big conflict over the European Monetary System." said a Japanese city bank economist.
"But they will get on our back again when they have time to look at our huge surplus."

The only hope for the Japanese government in curbing the surplus is the higher yen. which might damage Japan's export price competitiveness but this is unlikely to happen for some time because of the currency's recent firminess.

# Life begins at Forte under a new chairman

HARDLY a day has gone by since the thirties without some mention of Lord Forte of Ripley, doyen of Britain's hotel and catering trade. But after 60 years in the business. he has decided to call it a day and step down as chairman of Forte, Britain's largest

hotel and catering group.

Born in 1908 in Monforte, south of Rome, Italy, where his family had lived for generations, he was taken to Scotland at the age of 5 by his father, Rocco, who had opened a small café there.

After a spell in Rome learning Italian, he started in one of his father's cafes, and at the age of 26, launched the Meadow Milk Bar on Upper Regent Street. Within five years, he had nine milk bars in London as well as a central catering business to supply them. The foundations of the

Forte empire were in place. By the start of the war, newspapers were calling him "the Milk Bar King". After Italy entered the war in 1940 he was briefly interned on the Isle of Man as an enemy alien. By the early fifties he was buying sites near Picca-dilly, including the Criterion, and bought the Cafe Royal in 1954. In 1955, his company was awarded the first cater-

Lord Forte failed to win the Savoy but did create the world's largest chain

ing concession at London's Heathrow airport.

He opened his first hotel. The Waldorf, in 1958. The following year, Forte was one of the first operators of a service area on the new M1 By 1970, his company had

gone public and merged with the Trust Houses hotel chain. The new group, Trusthouse Forte, became the largest hotel, catering and leisure group in the world.

One of the biggest deals in British hotel history came in 1978 when the group bought 35 Strand hotels from J Lyons for £27.6 million. The deal added the Cumberland Hotel at Marble Arch, the Strand Palace, and no less than 5,500 hotel rooms to its British network

Lord Forte continued to expand but in 1981 failed in a bid to take control of the Savoy Group of hotels. He was criticised as "not at all

An uneasy relationship with the Savoy persists to this day. Forte holds 67 per cent of the Savoy equity and about 42 per cent of the votes. His son, Rocco, and Donald Main, THF's finance direc-

tor, have been given seats on

the Savoy board. Despite his reputation for toughness, Lord Forte, who stands 5ft 44 ins in his bare feet, is not without a sense of humour. When he was awarded his knighthood in 1970 he described himself as the "shortest knight of the year". He was created a life peer in 1982.

Lord Forte has been a

regular star of newspaper columns over the past 40 years. In a 1959 article, he was described as "a small, dark, large-nosed, shrewd and wealthy man of fifty" who ran far and away the biggest privately owned catering business in England. His company owned every-thing from milk bars and City pubs to grill-rooms. As president of Forte, a title he inherits from Lord Thorneycroft, Lord Forte is unlikely to remain in the shadows.

JON ASHWORTH



Leaving the chair: Lord Forte is stepping down but becomes president of THF

# Better deal for the working mother

By PATRICIA TEHAN

EMPLOYERS are increasingly positive in their attitude to women attempting to stay in work while their children are young. However, according to the report. Beyond the Career Break, published by the Institute of Manpower Studies, women returning to work are much less sure about their future career opportunities and feel their careers have

to take a back seat for a while. They believe their managers see them as "less promotable once they have become mothers", according to the study.

The institute interviewed 785 women in professional und managerial jobs who eturned to work for the same :mployer after having a child. The research covered 45 employers, mainly large firms, .cross a variety of sectors.

Three-quarters of the omen still had a pre-school uild, 70 per cent were in their nirties, choosing to have their aby at an average age of 30 then they were already estabshed in their careers.

The report said: "This neans they were looking after oung children in the years areer moves are made or nissed.

Employers are getting better 1 managing maternity leave and return to work, but the urvey found there is still room or improvement. The instiute said: "The women felt that heir employers did expect hem to return. They were less atisfied with the degree of

contact during the break, updating on return and consultation about the job to which they would return." Only 9 per cent returned to

a job at a lower level. Some were able to make career progress. Since their break a third of the women had been promoted. Of those who had taken more than one break, 60 per cent had been promoted since their first break. However, the survey found the women were not very confident about their future career

Employers take the blame for the women who suffered a lack of confidence on their return. The institute said: "Employers have an important role here in nurturing career ambition among women returners, and in talking to individual women about career plans."

Part-time workers have progressed less in their careers since taking maternity leave and felt less certain about future career prospects. However, they also suffered less stress and about 58 per cent said they would work part-time if they had the choice.

Childcare continues to be a problem. Jill Yeates, co-author of the report, said: "Employers should realise that women never permanently solve childcare problems, and that organising home and work becomes harder with each child." The average childcare bill for those working full-time was £85 per week.

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#### Medeva to purchase **Armstrong for \$54m**

By MARTIN BARROW

MEDEVA, the fast-growing sharmaceuticals group, is acruiring its first quoted comsany, paying \$54 million for Armstrong Pharmaceuticals

Armstrong specialises in the moduction of anti-asthma irug delivery systems and ums to market a metered dose nhaler version of albuterol, a eneric equivalent of Ventolin. which is being considered by he American Food and Drug Administration.

Armstrong earned pre-tax profits of \$1.8 million in the car to September 28, on sales of \$13.9 million. Net assets at he end of September were \$5 nillion. The company's sharenolders will meet to consider he deal in December, but Medeva said it already has the backing of directors speaking for 40 per cent of the shares. Medeva expects to complete the takeover in January 1993. Separately. Medeva is with-

drawing from the UK distribution of nearly all its basic generic products. Medeva's Evans-Kerfoot subsidiary will sell existing stocks of the product range to Norton Healthcare for about £11.5 million. Norton is also buying Medeva's production site at Horsham, Sussex, for £12 million and taking over manufacturing and premises at Bradford, Yorkshire.

Bernard Taylor, chairman of Medeva, said withdrawal from marketing and distributing basic generic drugs com-pletes the refocusing of the Evans-Kerfoot business.

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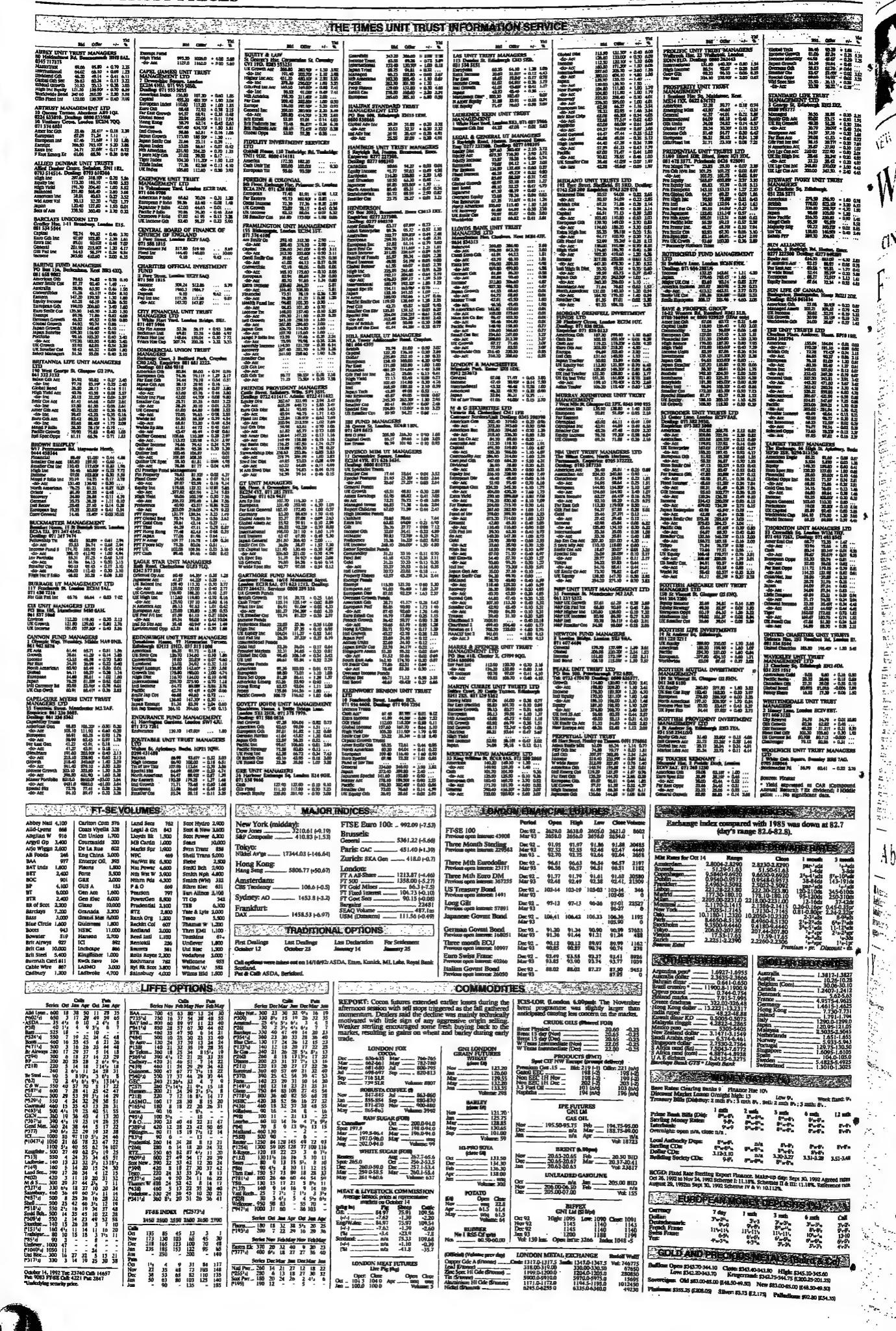
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NEW FILMS: Geoff Brown reviews the Australian smash hit, Strictly Ballroom, and David Robinson talks to its star

# Waltzing off with the prizes

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iffeen years or so ago,
Australian cinema was riding high. Everyone picnicked at Hanging Rock,
raced with Mad Max, or rode with the Man From Snowy River. Between 1970 and 1985, the Australian industry made nearly 400 films - more than in its entire previous history. The bubble burst, as bubbles always do: funding became scarcer, while directors lost their way, marked time, or moved over to Hollywood.

Now a second creative revival is happening in the Antipodes. Jane Campion's huge talent has been spotted in New Zealand; then Joceyin Moorehouse arrived with Proof. Last week, Mark Joffe's diverting Spotswood opened in London. This week, take your partners for Strictly Ballroom, the Australian film that dances all others off the screen.

Baz Luhrmann's debut feature first won hearts at this year's Cannes festival with Australian good cheer, in a story of fairy-tale simplicity, with an ingratiating cast and enough swirling skirts, glittering jackets and stomping Cuban heels to waken the dead.

The film began life in 1986 as a theatre workshop piece during Luhrmann's student days. Devel-oped into a full-length play, it toured Australia and even Czechoslovakia, where andiences dis-cerned a political metaphor in the hero's struggles to be his own man.

Scott Hastings, dashingly played by Paul Mercurio, cannot rest content with the usual dance steps. He longs to perform his own choreography, which the rules of the all-powerful Australian Ballroom Dance Federation forbid.

Bereft of his usual partner, he rudgingly teams with Tara Morice's Fran, an archetypal ugiy duckling (glasses, poor skin) who shares his passion and, once on the dance floor, gradually blossoms into a swan. Ahead he hearthreak. skukinggery, sore feet, and, of course, an ebullient happy ending. There is no need to weigh down Strictly Ballroom with heavy political significance. It delights with its vigour, zany comedy and disarming ability to gild show business cliches with loving burlesque.

For British sudiences, the comedy and characterisations may occasionally be pushed too hard. Bill Hunter's Federation president, with blond cream puff hair, preens and minces — the conventional gay stereotype; other actors get carried away with the shouts and grimaces.

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Together against the world: Tara Morice and Paul Mercurio in Baz Luhrmann's zany and disarming Strictly Ballroom

But Luhrmann's sweeping camera, the garish colour and forthright emotions all combine to intoxicate. "A life lived in fear," the film's motio runs, "is a life half lived": Strictly Ballroom should be equally embraced with abundon.

Thunderbeart contains no hidden metaphors unusually for an American film, Michael Apted's thriller makes its stance on politics and society visible to all, without straying far from its chosen genre. Before the opening credits are done, an Indian on a South Dakota reservation, shot in the back, falls dead into water in slow-motion. This is the case that must be solved by Val Kilmer's FBI agent, one-

quarter Native American himself. The film then pursues two parallel investigations: one into the facts of the case, the other into Kilmer's heritage and spiritual awakening. As the net closes on the true culprits. Kilmer's FBI teammate Sam Shepard puts it bluntly: "He's going native on us."

Apted came to this project fresh from a documentary, Incident at

Sea (Nov 11) is an enchanting

piece. Kitano, clearly a born film-

maker, uses repetitive action and

travelling shots to create a hypnotic. lyrical hymn to human behaviour

Clara Law's Autuma Moon (Nov 7) is another fetching Asian film that lets characters and landscapes

breathe. A Japanese tourist, idling

in Hong Kong, pursues a tentative friendship with a Chinese teenager

soon to emigrate to Canada. Law's cool, pale blue images drape a

bittersweet probe into young love, cross-cultural conflicts, and a life-

style doomed to change with the

and all its quirks.

Chinese takeover.

Strictly Ballroom PG (Odeon W.E., Renoir) Thunderheart 15 (MGM Haymarket) Wuthering Heights U (Empire 2)

Oglala, which investigated the case of Leonard Peltier, a Native American Sioux listed in Amnesty International's books as the only political prisoner in America. Though the present story is a work of fiction, and plunges at times into awkward dream imagery, it still keeps close touch with documenta-

oger Deakins's travelling camera feasts on the magnificent Badlands scenery; but the beauty must be set against impoverished lives, poisoned water and squalid

Native American players, craîts and customs give a special edge to the drama. Chief Ted Thin Elk, from the Dakota Rosebud Reservation, conveys just the right frisson as

Kilmer discover his hidden soul. Kilmer himself seems vacuous; Shepard is teasingly dry and laconic. After the impersonal but crafts-manlike Class Action, it is good to see Apted flexing his muscles.

Something must be wrong with any adaptation of Wathering Heights when it qualifies for a U certificate. Emily Bronte's novel invites the film-maker to push close to the edge, to probe the darkest ecesses of obsessive love and sexual passion. But Peter Kosminsky's version of Heathcliff and Cathy's blighted romance — the first fruit of Paramount's British production programme - prefers dull

The Gothic atmosphere is plentiful and boringly orthodox: so many howling winds, so many shots of

the gloomy pile on the barren Yorkshire moor. Commendably, Anne Deviin's script attempts the whole narrative (Goldwyn's 1939 version dispensed entirely with the second half, but she cannot stop

the plots unbecoming gallop.

The doorned pair themselves prove a mixed blessing. Ralph Flennes's Heathcliff looks admirably unsavoury, though his pained expressions grow monotonous with time, as though he had permanent indigestion. With Juliette Binoche, heroine of Les Amants du Pont Neuf, you hear the voice coach at work: she is best when silent. Together, they strike an occasional spark, but nowhere near enough to ignite the whole film.

At the National Film Theatre, the eighth Jewish Film Festival (October 14-28) offers new and old. from a recently discovered Austrian silent, the poignant City Without Jews, to items from Mexico, Russia and Canada. Tonight, Freud Leaving Home is a confident comedydrama from Suzanne Bier, a Dane working in Sweden.

# Head in air and feet on ground

■ Playing the leading role in Strictly Ballroom came naturally to choreographer Paul Mercurio, although injury almost denied him the opportunity

long with the rest of the Strictly Ballroom gang. Paul Mercurio, the dancer star of the film, finds the effects of its runaway success "bewildering". The Australian release alone has already grossed more than \$A10 million (£4.2 million), outpacing even Lethal Weapon II. All this has turned the quiet-spoken Mercurio into a hot property, with offers for films and stage musicals in London and on Broadway, and seductive faxes from agents who six months ago did not want to know him.

Paul Mercurio is his real name, though a dancer could hardly invent a bener one. His grandfa-ther was Sicilian, from Palermo. Paul's parents separated when he was small, and he was raised by his mother in Perth. His future was decided "at the ripe old age of nine when I watched an Elvis Presley film. Elvis was singing and dancing and being pretty cool and groovy; and when the film finished turned to my Mum and said, Mum, can I dance?"

After three years in a small suburban dance school he rebelled against the discipline. "It didn't connect with me any longer. I liked

He enrolled with his sister and two brothers in a school in Fremantle which had a strong all-round performing arts course. At 16 he won a scholarship to study with the West Australian Ballet, then was accepted by the Australian Ballet School. He left after the first year. 'Classical schools try to fit you into a box rather than allow your individuality come out."

At 19 he found his ideal niche with the Sydney Dance Company. Their choreographer Graeme Murphy relies on individuals. He draws his inspiration from the dancer's own individual quality." World tours as a principal dancer with the company brought him to Covent Garden in a joint season with the Australian Bailet. Then, after a backpack tour of

Europe, looking at other companies, and marriage to a fellowdancer. Andrea Toy, he decided "that I was going choreograph, live in Australia and raise a family". Two works for the Sydney Dance Company — Dancing With I and Waiting — won good reviews and a commission to do a new work every year for the company.

Plans to branch out on his own were interrupted by Strictly Ballroom. "Baz Luhrmann saw me on stage and asked me if I would choreograph the film. A year later he asked me if I would read for a part. And a year after that he rang to say he had the money, and would I do another reading? Finally he gave me the lead role.

"Just before we started shooting I sprained my ankle very badly. I should have been on crutches for six weeks; but we had only 12 days between the accident and filming So I had a lot of osteopathic treatment, positive thought and potato poultices, and did the role."

After the film he went back to the Sydney Dance Company; but in June this year launched his own company ACE (Australian Choracgraphic Ensemble), for which he ated a new work, Contact. The



Paul Mercurio: he trained and toured as a ballet dancer

had helped a lot, and brought in a completely new audience.

success. "It's hard not to be attracted by being treated like a celebrity nice hotels and limos and things but you mustn't believe it. Once I'm back in Australia I live out in the suburbs with does in the back yard and the two kids to look after and feed. And my relationship with Andrea. And I like to do a bit of home brewing on the side as a hobby. And I've got a dance company to run and people to employ. So I've got other things in my life to keep me down to earth."

DAVID ROBINSON

# A box of bangers with the odd squib

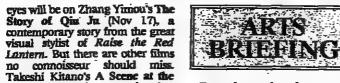
A guide to likely highlights of this year's London Film Festival, for which postal booking opens on Saturday

ou now have three options for November 5: go to that bonfire party, sit at home with earplugs and comfort the cat, or see the new Kenneth Branagh movie. If you choose the latter, Peter's Friends, you may not get many cinematic fireworks; this British edition of The Big Chill, in which graduate chums unite after ten years to bare souls and dispense conditions is tied down by its one-liners, is tied down by its shallow script. But at least you will have helped launch the 36th London Film Festival.
From November 5 until November 22, celluloid madness descends

on the capital. Festival director. Sheila Whitaker has managed to gather a good proportion of the best new films from Europe, Asia, Africa, both Americas, and even beleaguered Britain. One film is 30 seconds long - Hotel E. an Estonian animation; another, Edgar Reitz's sequel to Heimat, lasts

26 hours over two weekends. How do you choose among some 220 programmes? You can plump for the art-house delicacies already destined for British distribution: such as Eric Rohmer's A Winter's Tale (Nov 12), or Victor Erice's spellbinding The Quince Tree Sun (Nov 8), or Alain Corneau's Tous les Matins du monde (Nov 19), where the Depardieus (father and son) resurrect the life of Marin Marais, court composer for Louis XIV. You can get a head start on Barry Norman and see the better-American product, such as Quentin Tarantino's thriller about thieves falling out, Reservoir Dogs (Nov 19), or Alan Rudolph's Equinox (Nov 13), an extravagant tale of identical twins.

Among the Asian contingent, all



Xavier Beauvois' Nord (Nov 19). It comes as a surprise to find a new French director telling a story without frills. He also proves no mean actor, playing a restless 18-year-old with a subtlety most modern screen rebels lack.

Graduate chums: Hugh Laurie (left), Kenneth Branagh and Stephen Fry in Peter's Friends

Britain fields 20 features, mostly shaped for television, without which our industry would scarcely exist. Vadim Jean and Gary Sinyor's kosher comedy Leon the Pig Farmer (Nov 15) has gusto in plenty, though Steve Gough's Elenya (Nov 14), a sensitive wartime reminiscence about a Weish girl's encounter with a wounded German airman, is the sturdier

Finally, do not forget the archive restorations. Rudolph Valentino casts his spell in The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (Nov 20 and 21), presented with a new Carl Davis score. Curio collectors should be in paradise with Mikhail Chiaureli's The Fall of Berlin (Nov 22), a rip-snorting salute to Stalin the wartime god. And no new film can compare with Visconti's masterly The Leopard (Nov 15), newly restored from the original negative. and a sight for the sorest eyes.

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Fischler The concert also includes
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Director, Mark Joffe. Odeon Kensington (0426 914685) Plaza (071-497 9898).

◆ WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP (15).

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**NEW RELEASES** 

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to ente and ementalmment compiled by Karl Knight

BifiningHate: Roberto Gerbero's bettet sute Don Culcute tenures in the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's programme conducted by Smon Rettle, The place is sandwiched between Berlioz's overture, King Lear, and Brahms's Symphony No 3. The norheable is back again new Tuesday. Symphony Hell, Broad Street, (021-712 3330), 7 30pm. Tchsilovsky's Concerto in a programme also comprising Stravindey's Octat'and Beethovan's Symphony No 8. Str Colin Davis conducts. Barbican Hall, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm,

THE FORCE OF DESTRAY: Wel BRIGHTON: Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall's novel Billy Liar is belanced English Netronal Opera, production of Verd's compelling opera, conducted by Mark Shanahan Josephine Barstow lesses command of the most demanding of all Verd's demanding. While Hair's novel plany Liter is transferred to the stage in a new BP-sporsoned National Theatre production which will your the regions. Paul Wyett plays the boy with the vived maganation Gardner Arts Centre, University of Sussex (1273 885861), tonight-Sat, 7.45pm. chamatic soprano roles, that of Leonora, Edmund Barham is at his best as Don Alvaro; and John Connell, Anne-Marie Owens and Jonathan Summers make a line supporting cast. Richard Hudson's 19th-century costumes are set against a brightly coloured abstract set. Collecum, St Merbri's Lane, London WC2 (071-838 3161), 7pm

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GLASGOW: Often derided as a middle-class formalist best known for claver-claver time signatures, Derve Brabeck is a significant composationader in modern juzz. Although he has combibuted very lew jazz standards, he has created a remarkshie body of jazz and tome in wide inching certainties and times. and formal music, including orchast backs, oratorios and ballet scores. ST JEROME: The first of the National Gellery's "Theme and Varietions" series explores the story of St Jerome. This rather heavy historical figure mysteriously acquired a per lion in the middle ages and was painted with extraordinary. This tour sees him playing with a quartel City Half, Candlengge (041-227 5511). and was paralled with expected any frequency, in one or other of his guidel as a cardinal (an office which did not

REGIONAL

LECESTER: Paul Kerryson directs
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with martyrdom in Temy Eagleton's Mikrii Come: Heyenariost Studio, Beigreve Gate (0533 539797). Previowe tonight-Sai. 7.50pm; opens Oct 20.

Stephen Risa as Beirut hostages in Frank McGuinness's play. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 gr71-896 9887). Mon-Sat, Sprt, mate, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

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CURRENT

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on Tuesday night's Royal Shakespeare Company first night

# Backstage in the theatrical anthill

SO IGNORANT are we British of the Russian dramatists before Chekhov that we often assume he appeared magically out of the blue, an artistic E.T. with a style patented on some alien planet. That is very wrong. Nobody who sat in the Pit on Tuesday, watching Phyllida Lloyd's deft, cool. dryly humorous production, could doubt Chekhov's filial obligation to the

father of Russian realism, Ostrovsky. If Chekhov rejected caricature, so did Ostroysky. If Chekhov abjured heroes. villains and pat moral judgments, so did Ostrovsky. If Chekhov seemed sometimes to meander to no clear conclusion, so did Ostrovsky. If Cheknov preferred to let life rather than prejudice, sentimentality or the rules of the well-made play write his work — well, so did Ostrovsky. Tsar Nicholas I found one of his pieces so alarmingly true that he personally scrawled "printed in vain, acting forbidden" on its title

Artists and Admirers was written in 1882, when Ostrovsky was battling to establish the Moscow theatre that still bears his name; and, consistently enough, it involves thespians and their hangers on. The plot, such as it is, is unpretentious and straightforward. What will be the fate of the actress Negina, who has offended a starstruck Prince by resisting his retchy advances, and so lost her job?

In a more conventional piece she would probably end up marrying her fiance, a teacher who shares the muddled idealism of the student in The Cherry Orchard. Alternatively, a deus ex machina might come troikaing onstage with a fat new contract. Certainly, Negina herself would continue to resist the blandishments of the would-be sugar daddies who collect round her, like sticky-fingered tors at a candy counter.

Not here. You won't find me revealing the denouement of a play still to earn the classic status it enjoys in Russia; but please keep an eye on the relationship that quietly grows between Sylvestra le Touzel's Negina, with her **Artists and Admirers** The Pit

shimmering eyes and glistening smile. and Christian Burgess's Velikatov, the self-effacing millionaire who has bought out her benefit performance and generally given her and her mother what seems, but isn't, disinter ested help. In a Russian play of 1882, if not in an English one, a nice young actress could renounce a fiance for her career and a rich protector and not be nudged for it.

Le Touzel presents a sympathetic picture of a girl indignantly striking virginal attitudes while rejecting them somewhere inside berself, and those around her all resist the temptation to guy their roles. Kevin Doyle - dressed in old corduroy and spouling lines like You speak more than you think and I think more than I speak" - refuses to. transform the teacher from a slightly goofy know-it-all into an all-out prig. Christopher Benjamin's Prince sports tufts and curls like an over-the hill Tin Tin. and expresses himself in fruity guffavs and supercitious yelps; but even he remains in the land of the

emotionally living. Above all, there emerges a wonderfully sharp yet affectionate picture of the theatrical anthill: poverty and dizzying acclaim; soubrettes, stage-door Johnnies and, in Philip Voss's shambling Narokov, the kind of fanatic prepared to ruin himself for the drama; a devious manager who breaks promises with a wry shrug; and, from Denys Hawthorne, a Latex-bellied tragedian seedily dwindling into alco-holism and blustering King Lear imitations.

True, the result lacks one Chekhovian quality, resonance. This is a genial celebration of one corner of Russian life, not a warning of the impending disintegration of the Russian house itself. But of that little corner Ostrovsky and his English cast are in confident command



Indignantly virginal: Sylvestra le Touzel as Negina, a young actress

#### TELEVISION REVIEW: Richard Morrison on a fly-on-the-wall examination of the business of death

WHEN they come to write the history of tired phrases, "death is the last great taboo" will surely rank as the first great cliché. The fact that it appears so frequently in newspapers which are otherwise stuffed full of wars, plane crashes, earthquakes and murders does not say much for journalistic con-

Far from being a taboo, death is actually the one topic certain to vitalise a dinner party conversation. We shiver with excitement at a great Shakespearean death scene, or even Mel Gibson pumping out the bullets in Lethal Weapon. We chuckle at some wellturned last words - W.C. Fields's "On the whole I would rather be in Philadelphia", or King George V's "Bugger Bognor" — and hope that we can exit with as much style. Death brings out the best in us; even quite appalling people usually manage to

muster a show of sentiment at funerals. subject of death itself, but knowing what to say to a grieving mother. And, of course, how to deal with the body. No mystery about what happens at the end

Last night's In-**Inside Story** side Story showed BBC 1 us both skills deplayed with a superb, if stealthy, professionalism - for this was a fly-on-the-wall portrait of a south London undertaker going about

his business. The feature in Radio Times had been unpromising ("The last great unmentionable...death, which after all awaits everyone, is taboo", but the programme was both informative and, in a low-key way, refreshingly demystifying. An embalmer measured up the corpses, washed and blow-dried their hair, and pumped them full of CONDUI-JESTOTTI were neatly inscribed: a great deal of the limit. craftsmanship, it appears, is consigned

Cheery, off-duty pall-bearers exchanged banter (When I go, mate,

I'm having a lead-lined oak coffin carried all the way from my house to the furthest cemetery I can think of ]. A vicar struggled to compose a sincere little sermon extolling the qualities of a man he had never met. And the undertaker himself - a gentle, rueful character called Roger, who followed grandfather and father into the business - gently and ruefully guided the bereaved through a price-list (fullyillustrated with different makes of coffin) that offered funerals from

He does this routine 750 times a

proof. But any illusion that this is easy money was dispelled by two of the funerals shown here. One was of a stillborn baby. "Worst part of the job, the children," said the embalmer. For the funeral of a child, Roger waives his

The other was of a young man murdered in apparently mysterious circumstances. As Roger ushered the victim's family into the chapel to view his body, the mother broke down. Please come back and tell me what happened that day," she wailed at her son's body, over and over again. After a few harrowing minutes. Roger discreetly and experity coaxed her away from the coffin — the model professional. Even he looked shaken.

"What made you choose to be an undertaker?" asked the programmemaker. "I don't think I was clever enough at school to get a proper job," said the modest Roger. He seemed surprised that anybody would imagine he chose this profession. Perhaps the last great taboo is admitting you are an

year, and his business is recession- undertaker.

#### CONCERT: Stephen Pettitt reviews what might have been Nigel Kennedy's last London classical concert

NIGEL KENNEDY has announced to the world that he is probably going to give up playing concertos in public. Tuesday's Festival Hall appearance was thus his British swansong as a classical violinist, and there will be just one more concerto performance, in Australia. He believes his future, at least in live concert-making, lies in more popular repertoire. He will, however, continue to record the big classical warhorses for EMI: the Berg concerto is already in the can.

If Kennedy were indeed to lay aside his concerto dates in favour of more jazz and rock it would not be surprising, given the direction in which his marketing managers have steered him in recent years. But it would be a pity. He might not have a very firm hold on

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centricity, however heretical, at least stimulates one to think again about the familiar. And at his very best, in the Elgar concerto or the Mendelssohn, he taps a vein of audacious romanticism that is available to very few of his peers.

In fact here he seemed in relatively sober mode. Adorned in trendily scruffy black and sporting pony tail and Brahmsian beard, he approached Beethoven's Violin Concerto with complete seriousness. . .

questionable interpretative points, but the greatest shock

came with the peculiar cadenza Kennedy had composed himself for the finale, which strayed anarchically in the direction of contemporary 1822. (The second movement cadenza was also Kennedy's own, but its extreme brevity allowed it no chance to offend.). For the first movement he played — rather brilliantly — Kreisler's technical-ly spectacular cadenza. That was stylistically spurious as well, but less gratingly so.

In the main body of the music Kennedy offered many odd choices of dynamic and nuance and some strange local variations in tempo, though the over-leisurely general pac-ing of the first movement might have been down to the conductor. Klaus Tennstedt, who nevertheless balanced things well. But even if Kennedy's vision was sometimes uncomfortably individual it was also a clear and confident one, and he made a beguil-

ingly sweet sound.

Afterwards, Tennstedt tackled
Brahms's First Symphony. But even this tough, powerful work, in his tough, powerful hands, seemed a bit of an anticlimax. The London Philharmonic Orchestra, however, gave their fulsomely refined, magnificent all.

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SALES AND MARKET

# Making waves in Minnesota

The voice of Lake Wobegon has returned home.

Neil MacLean tunes in to Garrison

Keillor's new show

hirty seconds before Garri-son Keillor's new radio show, American Radio
Company, returned to the
air from the World Theatre in St Paul on Saturday night a lone voice called out from the back of the darkened theatre, "Welcome back".

As a spontaneous display of emo-tion from the assembly of Minnesotans, overjoyed to find their favourite offspring back in the fold, it was a little restrained. But then, as Keillor himself points out. Minnesota is the State of Understatement "and these are not the sort of people to hoist you onto their shoulders". Nevertheless the prodigal son had returned and if they were not exactly killing fatted calves across the Midwest at least they were willing to consider baking a tuna hotdish.

When Keillor, who achieved international recognition through his first radio series A Prairie Home Companion with its Lake Wobegon stories, left St Paul in 1987 complaining of local press harassment, Minnesotans were dismayed. When he subsequently opened in New York fronting the American Radio Company, they were flabbergasted. The defection smacked of treachery and a great rift opened between the humorist and the source of much of his material. And that, in the end, is one of the reasons that has brought him and his national radio series back to Minnesota Public Radio.

There are scores of great writers who could only write about where they were from when they got away," he explains. "But I don't have that talent. So, to write about Lake Wobegon, I need to be around-

Talent, however, is something he has in abundance. Keillor is a consummate radio professional, soothing his audience over the last two minutes before the show beams. live to 250 stations throughout America, like an anaesthetist talking his patient through the last few seconds of consciousness. As the clock at the side of the stage ticks down and the red light comes on, he slips off his tie, unbuttons his collar and while the Hot Coffee Band strums an opening tune, he welcomes his listeners and launches into a laidback Country and Midwestern sort of song. "It's Saturday'n the band is playn; Honey, could we ask for more?



On the radio: Garrison Keillor, with guests Allen Ginsberg and Robert Bly, in Keillor's Saturday-night show, American Radio Company

Anyone who knows Kellior only through his books or Wobegon tapes might be surprised by his singing. He is a crooner at heart with a sleepy spiritual-singer's baritone; occasion-ally stretching towards the outer limits of his range, but without any sign of fear. Those of the audience who already knew him well and who were expecting a carbon copy of the old A Prairie Home Companion were only partially disappointed.

His monologue, the News from Lake Wobegon, was still the jam in the doughnut, there were still a few of the fans' favourite spoof radio commercials, such as those for Café Boeuf (pronounced birt) — "home of the elegant boeuf dinner for two" - and there were the folksy messages and dedications to Ethel and Herman in Duluth and Cousin Jeannie in Iowa. Chet Atkins was the guest guitarist. the band played the "Lake Wobegon Blues", there was even a little topical sketch, called Celebrity Kitchen with Ross Perot ("I'll prepare this recipe

any way the American people want me to"). But there were also signs of a darker, sadder humour in Saturday night's opening broadcast.

Keillor's themes concerned decline and fall; the decline of radio; the steady decline, he says, of his radio show ("but that's all right, we can live with that") and what he perceives as his own personal decline (now he has reached his 50th birthday) — "and if you're in decline," he says, "it's good

is voice is hypnotic; mellow and self-assured. You could almost believe he has managed to slow the nation down, to gather families around the radio the way they used to. But the first sketch acknowledged the decline of family radio, introducing the Lonesome Radio Theatre, a show created 60 years ago by Keillor's fictional WLT radio company. Written by the equally fictional Muriel M. Brubaker, it featured

characters such as Florence Beebee, chow pilot ("a brave aviatrix who flew the uncharted territory of northern Wisconsin, bringing wholesome wellbalanced meals to lonely trappers"): Roy Bradley, boy broadcaster ("brought to you by Thomson Tooth Tinsel, for brighter more festive teeth"); and Aunt Abby with her radio recipes full of butter, sugar. cream and a little more butter ("bringing sunshine and cholesterol into homes throughout the West").

The voices belonged to Keillor's regular band of strolling players from the Broadway Local Theatre Company — Ivy Austin, Jim Bohn and Sue Scott — with an impressive array of special effects emanating from the lips and larynx of Tom Keith of Minnesota Public Radio, while the small choir which hovered by the wings, occasionally encouraging us to drink Fishers Coffee, had been garnered from the ranks of the Plymouth Congregation Choir. declared Keillor,

"with its ugliness and squalidness, was an experiment. And it failed." But once it appeared, it became unfashionable to have a radio in the house "and radio got redecorated right out of people's lives". Often it is Keillor's humour which prevents his message from appearing maudlin.

Strangely, the News from Lake Wobegon was one of the weakest sections in the show. Keillor seemed to be feeling his way, very tentatively, back into his former world. But then, when a prodigal son returns home,

everyone has a bit of adjusting to do. He sang a hymn, "Lead Me Gently Home Father, and when the show was over we all stood among the autumn leaves outside the World Theatre in the chill night air, eating freshly popped Candyland Caramel Corn while Keillor was presented with a ceremonial set of jump leads for his car to mark the occasion - just to remind him of the Minnesota climate, and of the positive and negative aspects of coming home.

ROCK

# Not so strident, but still sharp

IT HAS been 15 years since Paul Weller was the spokesman for a generation, but that generation still has a soft spot for him. Thirtyish now, shod in Doc Martens for comfort rather than style, they turned out on Tuesday to welcome back the old punk and political activist

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Weller has mellowed along with his admirers. The exuberant figure on stage bore little resemblance to the insurgent who used gigs as vehicles for harangues against "Fatcher". Stridency has been succeeded by a more attractive pensive-

Maturity becomes Weller. He has grown into his looks and his famous dandyishness has evolved into elegance. He bounded on stage wearing a polo T-shirt and trousers whose sleekness intimated a large American Express bill. The 34-year-old singer cut a

The first four songs were a precis of Weller's

career. His debt to classic soul was acknowledged with a buoyant version of Marvin 'What's Going On?". It was fol lowed by the recent hit (and Weller's first solo single). "Uh-Huh, Oh Yeh". It was dispatched so quickly that its bub-bling jazz-funk chords barely

registered. Next was the show's mandatory nod to the group that made Weller famous. With a treasury of Jam songs to choose from. seemed odd that he opted for a relatively obscure album track, "Man in the

Corner Shop". The crowd adored it; at the first notes they shoved forward as though it were the 100 Club in 1977. Finally, "Call Me" resurrected the Style Council's cocktail funk.

Weller has always negotiated musical bends gracefully. His present reflective soulateer persona suits him well. There is a solipsism to the new Paul Weller album, to judge by which dance music never happened. But performed live, the music expanded, sveite and Albert Hall

symmetrical, into Weller's most beguiling tunes since the

early Eighties Songs from the LP domi-nated the set. Numbers such as "Clues" and "Bull-Rush" already have the broken-in feel of classics. Weller, who sang and played guitar, was relaxed in the company of his virtuoso backing band.

Just how virtuoso was wearingly demonstrated by a long instrumental passage midshow. It included a fiveminute drum solo of the sort usually prohibited by bore-dom bye-laws.

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Politics eventually reared its head with a cover of Neil Young's "Ohio". This was delivered with some vehemence but was anomalous in a show that mainly dealt with more personal issues. If Weller



Weller: mellowing with his fans

felt an inclination to rant he

suppressed it.
The music business has changed since Paul Weller's punkhood. To his fans he is a reminder of the days when you could count on goalposts staying where they were. As this concert proved, however, Weller has managed to cope with shifting ones with no loss

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

FRINGE THEATRE: an American rarity; and a Sean O'Casey triple bill

# Black comedy finds its roots

ver the past dozen years. British theatre directors have cast their nets further and further afield, so that a notice in these columns will often mention that the work reviewed is a British premiere, 50 or 100 years after its first production elsewhere. With plays in foreign tongues, there is no great puzzlement at the delay.

But what is one to make of the delay in staging Trouble in Mind (at the Tricycle)? This fascinating and spirited play by Alice Childress was produced in New York as long ago as 1957, and thus antedates all other black American writing we have become familiar with in this country. So far as I can tell, none of Childress's other works have been produced here either, but if they display anything like the verve of this, her first play,

I long to see them. Presumably, it was written ust too soon, before our own black theatre got going, and disappeared into the abyss of

is widow has written of Sean O'Casey's love of comedy in the musical hall tradition, from Little Titch to Morcambe and Wise. On Monday night Ei-leen O'Casey herself, still viva-cious and beautiful 65 years after her wedding day, was present in Islington for Three Shouts from a Hill (Lilian Baylis), a shamrock-shaped trefoil tribute to vandeville. slapstick, knockabout, silent cinema: Thalia, the manic muse of crack.

An eminent Anglo-Irish audience and the civic hideousness of the least atmospheric theatre space in London mili-



Astutely comic: Carmen Munroe and Marice Roëves

unconsidered plays from which Nicolas Kent has now retrieved it. For a first play, it is remarkably assured, treating racial intolerance in an altogether novel form; a form. moreover, generally used for farce, in which a group of actors rehearse a comically

who stands up for his citizen's

actors are trying to breathe life into characters who embody just about every cliche to be found in old-style "serious" drama about the South. Black women with the names of flowers (Petunia, Magnolia) or jewels (Ruby, Pearl); the son

"Buzz off and I'll show you and all your sex how the work

of the house is done," says

clownish Darry to his drudge

of a wife. They swap chores in The End of the Beginning, a

bucolic romp written in 1934.

to disastrous effect: smashed

china, broken windows, sliced fingers and bloody noses re-

sult as Darry and his friend Barry indulge in the sort of destructive do-it-yourself that

evokes the paint/pastry-slapping routines of pantomime.

Gerard McSorley plays Darry with George Robey

eyebrows and the wide-eyed

owlishness of a more innocent Benny Hill. As his blundering

side kick, Risteard Cooper is a study in spindle-shanked my-

opia, an unnerving caricature

A Pound on Demand (1932)

continues the theme of comic

# Philadelphia, here they come

tated against the spirit of the playlets. They cry out for the conviviality that accompanies

Irish Sea. After Islington they go to Glasgow, Belfast, New York and Philadelphia. clinking glass and (politically incorrect) smoke, not awed

The Sean O'Casey Theafer Company was formed last year. As the spelling suggests,

their eyes are turned across the Atlantic as much as the The Chamber Orchestra of Europe

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roles is both sublimely comic and socially astute. Munroe plays it with heart-felt relish. Childress's dialogue is also rich in irony. Only in the scenes of multiple conversation does her writing betray a prentice hand, and Kent's Four black and two white direction here falters for a moment. Otherwise, his admi-

rable cast do the play proud. Recommended. JEREMY KINGSTON Irishness (no Englishman

#### would dare to come up with these stereotypes). Set in a Pimlico post office, it charts the misadventures of two workmen trying to take a pound out of a savings ac-count while the drawer is too drunk to sign his name, speak or, eventually, stand. The main foil is an outraged matron, a Margaret Dumonttype, the genre is revue sketch, the playing of McSorley and

rights; darkies flopping down on their knees to pray to "de Lawd"; the white miss who

sympathises with their plight.

The scene in which the black

actors, in need of work, uncomplainingly (at first) project

these stereotypes is wickedly

funny. They bob and drawl at

the command of the unwittingly patronising white direc-

excellent - until Carmen

Munroe, the black mammy.

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Maurice Roëves,

Cooper is superb.

Bedtime Story, premiered as late as 1952, paradoxically looks back the furthest: to Schnitzler's philanderers and obliging young women. Set in 1930s Dublin, it portrays the chaos that results when a religious young man (Cooper, better than ever) repents after taking a girl back to his lodgings. Farcical misunderstandings lead to assump tions of madness, a black twist that anticipates Ayckbourn. Here the direction by Shivaun O'Casey, the author's daughter, could be faster and more frenetic; but the triple bill sheds an intriguing light on genius in unbut-

MARTIN HOYLE



This Saturday, an exclusive statement from the Prime Minister.

Maastricht and the ECU can prompt John Major to strong words. But what brings out his passion? This Saturday, in Weekend, he writes about the burning enthusiasm that has followed him throughout his career, through ups and downs and thick and thin - Chelsea Football Club.

#### Robert Maxwell: the tainted legacy.

In the year since Robert Maxwell died, he has made more headlines than in all his publicity-hungry life. Roy Greenslade, former editor of The Daily Mirror, looks back on a year of revelations and examines the fortunes of

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those who, by choice or bad luck, were part of Maxwell's world: the banks, the newspapers, the cohorts, the family and the pensioners.

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# America's soldier for all seasons

s the United States really a great power? Or is it, as Paul Kennedy's thesis has it, dangerously over-extended and doomed to implode over the next decade; afflicted by a combination of economic imbalance, socio-political corruption, and isolationism?

Implicit among the attributes of a great power is that of being formidable on the battlefield (indeed in our own case it is about the only pretence that remains to Britain for any status in the power league). And here the American record is mixed.

I have always admired their black soldiers regarded him as a aviators as skilful brother (the high-

and brave. And if they occasionally IT DOESN'T TAKE loose off at some stray target — The Autobiography an unsuspecting By General H. Norman Libyan jet or a Turkish destroyer that is just gung-Bantam Press, £17.99

ho-ism. In the last war, the Eighth Air Force went on flying with a 20 uvercautious per cent attrition rate, per mission, The occasional Bomber Command tendency of "creep-back" (which began to rear its head uncomfortably early in the Gulf) was

unknown. And the Marine Corps was outstanding. Very few units in the world would have gone to Iwo Jima after what happened at Tarawa atoll. But the army? One recalls Kasserine, and the Ardennes, and

 inevitably — Vietnam.
 Schwarzkopf did two tours in Vietnam, one as an adviser, the second in charge of a really bad batallion, known as "the worst of the six", in a notoriously clumsy and trigger-happy division. When he took command the men were completely demoralised. They never saw their officers. And when on patrol they wouldn't shoot, even if the enemy walked past their am-bush, because the Victoring always got the better of them.

Schwarzkopf's account reminds the reader of just what a beating the Americans took in Indo-China. And, also of how indifferent — even hostile — the public was at home. There is a heartbreaking description of the young Schwarzkopf trying to solicit praise or at least an enquiry from a cab-driver who took him home from the airport — "Gee," (he was in uniform) "I haven't seen Newark for a while," and so on - only to be received in sullen silence.

Reforms followed, and the army that went out to the Gulf was changed out of all recognition from the unhappy "draftees" who floun-dered about in the Viernam jungle - although from reading between the lines, it seems that units shared with the Czarist Imperial Army of 1914 the advantage that the men, particularly the noncoms, were of

better quality than the officers. Schwarzkopf was the ideal commander - not least because the

A HERO

Schwarzkopf

brother (the highest term of praise), for once, at enormous personal risk, he had rescued a wounded black private from a minefield in the It may be that

Schwarzkopf was overcautions in building up strength for the mother of all nary of whom much less is heard these days) was not alone in warning - with charts and illustrations - against "the myth of a short sharp war". But Schwarzkopf's plan, and his intention - to annihilate the Republican Guard

 were impeccable. Alas, the fumbling and overcautious commanders in the key VII Corps, Generals Franks and Yeosack, insisted on regrouping once they had broken through the Iraqi position, and three Republican Guard divisions poured through the breach, escaping to the north. It is a failing not unknown among commanders in the hour of victory, and one need look no further than Montgomery at Alamein. Once the Guard had fled, the front crumbled in its entirety. Schwarzkopi fixed upon Salwan airfield for the formalities of the surrender. He had given instructions that it should be occupied. and that a substantial show of American force should be demonstrated. But again Franks and Yeosack thwarted him. At the last moment, he discovered that they had not occurried it because there were some Iraqi T72s there, and in view of the ceasefire they could not

What do the memoirs of the man who won the Gulf war tell us about America? Alan Clark wants him in the White House

I finally became completely unglued.
"I ordered you to send VII Corps to that airfield." I shouted. "I want to know in writing why my order was violated and why this mission was reported carried out when it wasn't.

"Do you think you are capable of carrying out this mission?

I couldn't let it go. "If not, let me know, and I will send the Marine Corps "We can handle it," he said tersely.

What happened to Yeosack? In line for promotion, I suppose. Schwarzkopf doesn't flinch from

the "Why-not-finish-Saddam?" charge. But he makes no more than a conventional show of justification: we did not have the resources to occupy Baghdad; we would have had to pay for the reconstruction; it would have upset our Arab allies ... and so on.

He simply doesn't address the

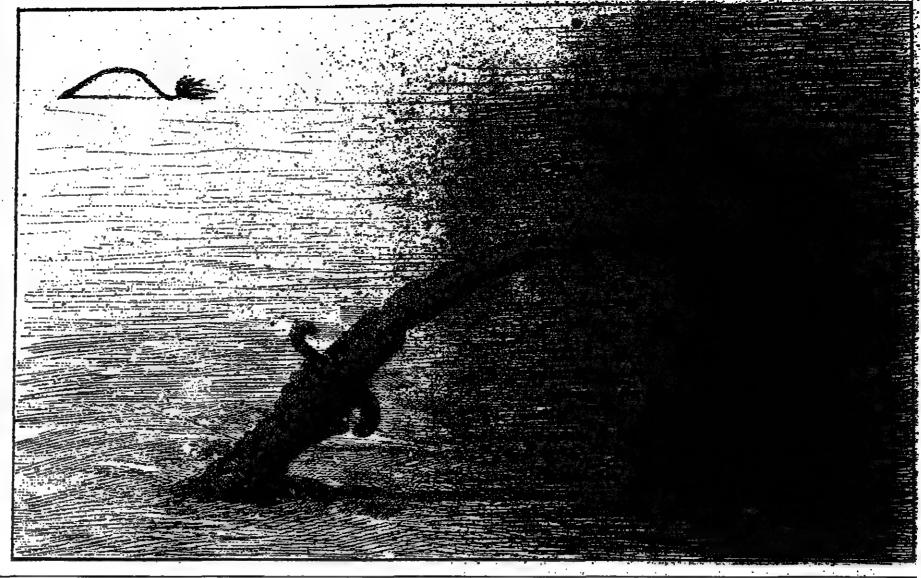
proposition of a single deadly thrust with the lance. A fast armoured column backed by Chinooks and Apaches could have got to the capital in 48 hours. The Iraqi army would have scattered as they advanced. The force needed only to stay three days and Saddam would have been assassinated - just like Nuri El Said and countless predecessors - and a caretaker govern-

ment could have been installed.

(George Patton, I'm certain, would have done it at a gallon, even if forbidden by the politicians to do

On the book's cover is a "split visage" of Schwarzkopi saluting. His eyes reveal much character. A certainty of what is right, and a kind of chagnin at opportunities forgone, compromises forced upon him by human weakness in its various forms. Like all serious soldiers, he had seen a lot of men die - in the field, in dressing stations, in wreckage. And I am certain that if it can be prised from the carapace of insersitivity which professional soldiers nurture for their own emotional protection. this is an invaluable attribute for a

I have twice had the good fortune to meet General Schwarzkopi, and have had long conversations with him. And I can only say that his relegation to the lecture circuit while Bill Clinton makes the running to become the next president illustrates in vivid personal terms the wastefulness and perversity of the American system. It is still touch and go whether Paul Kennedy's prediction has been



irk Boggrde spent the best part of his boyhood in a remote cottage on the Sussex Downs, along with his sister and their former nanny. This was in the late 1920s and 1930s, a period which those who are not old enough to remember it tend to picture either as an Age of Anxiety or as possessing a certain intellectual giamour (Bioomsbury and all that). Bogarde will please most of us survivors from that distant epoch by portraying it instead as (for those who enjoyed similar circumstances) a time of tranquillity and startling

The childhood life he evokes belongs to a lost England. The cottage had almost none of the things now thought necessary for civilised existence: no television, no telephone, no electricity, no drains, no taps, no hot water except what was boiled in the copper, no bath

# Echoes of bucolic boyhood

except for a tin tub in front of the fire. The beds were warmed by bricks heated in the oven and then wrapped in flannel. Oil lamps and candles provided the only lighting. There was an outside privy, and one of young Bogarde's weekly tasks was to dig the hole for what was politely termed "night soil". The rent was 7/6d a week (that is

approach too close.

in these antique conditions he was exceedingly happy. The cottage was in "real country", a place now all but wiped off the map by the spread of cities and roads. The woods and fields were as they had always been, ideal settings for childhood adventures. There were true country characters about, such

J.W.M. Thompson

**GREAT MEADOW** An Evocation By Dirk Bogarde Viking, £15.99

as old Mr Lush who had lived in Wilmington all his life and had never been anywhere else, except once when he visited Hastings after the Boer War. There were old country customs, too. At harvest time the Bogarde children joined the villagers in "gleaning" over the stubble, while men stood ready to pot rabbits trying to escape from the last square of standing corn.

They went to the cool dairy at the farm to collect milk ("Today's or

yesterday's?" they were asked). The most important adult in it was their former nanny, known as Lally. Their parents, evidently a rather dashing pair, appeared intermittently from Hampstead, sports car called "the O.M." (for Officina Meccanica). Bogarde's father was in charge of pictures at The Times, and one of the annual signs that Christmas was approaching was his fussing about what the family called "The Photograph", a special half-page picture for the Christmas edition which always had to show a beautiful landscape including either snow or a beavy

first. One year there was snow near the cottage at the right time; then there was a winter picnic with the photographer.

Bogarde calls this latest slice of autobiography "an evocation", and he has written it in the words of the boy he used to be: a device which works well enough most of the time, although occasionally the boyish vocabulary and syntax seem forced. But the distant scenes are vividly recaptured by details of forgotten pleasures, such as Riffel Tower lemonade, which came as a powder, and the Famous Cricketers

cigarette cards. There are echoes of the controversies that agitated adults, concerning the iniquity of Sunday cinemas or women with cropped hair. And there are the stalwart Lally's passing references to "Mr Hitler, who before long was to shatter the peaceful life.

# Learning to live with the dying ontemplation of death nec-essarily pervades Adam epidemic, charting the shifts in Mars-Jones's collection of attitude from denial through to

**Christina Koning** 

MONOPOLIES OF

LOSS

By Adam Mars-Jones Faber, 15.99

THE COLLECTED

By John McGahern

Faber, £14.99

BLOOD, SWEAT

AND TEARS

The winners of the 1992

lan St James Awards

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several of which are reprinted from rows devices from r an earlier collection, The Darker Proof. The problems of writing about the subject are addressed in . the book's thoughtful introductory essay. In the seven years since the appearance of Slim, his first story about Aids, Mars-Jones has be-come identified with the subject to the extent of being, as he himself wryly puts it, "the poete maudif" of HIV—a reputation that carries the charge of having expropriated the

sufferings of others. This allegation is echoed in one of the stories in the collection, "The Changes of those Terrible Years". which — significantly, perhaps appears last in the book, although it is not the most recent. In this story,

a mum who has converted his house

into a hospice for people dying from Aids is accused (by one of the dying) of "growing fat on other people's misery". In context,

the rebuke seems undeserved, and the outburst is a deliberate disruption of the book's which emotions are underplayed and terrible events are described with laconic understatement. More

typical is the shift of perspective at the end of "A Small Spade", in which an appar-ently trivial accident — a splinter under the fingernal - is seen to have serious implications for the protagonist and his HIV-positive lover: "A tiled corridor filled with doctors and nurses opened off every room he would ever share with Neil. He had always known it was there, but today the door to it had briefly been opened."

Aids has brought the lovers together and will, inevitably, separate them.

Aids, according to the anthor, has "a narrative of its own, a story it wants to tell, and it is also an irrelevance". Such contradictions are central to these stories, which offer an unsparing account of the pathology of the illness, at the same time as transforming it with ironic humour. When, for example, the lovers in "Baby Church" (one of whom is seriously ill in hospital) construct a private language of pernames and jokey cuphemisms cardboard -- vomit-bowls transformed to "hats" and then to "Astairs" and "Berkeleys" - the attempt to make light of an intolerable situation only brings it more sharply into focus.

These nine stories, the most recent of which was written earlier this year, constitute a kind of

short stories dealing with Aids, acclimatisation. Although it borcollection is sumething for more sophisticated. The lucid style and surreal inventiveness in the author's first book, Lantern Lecture, has been harnessed to a serious theme, and the result - far from being exploitative — conveys a sense of the devastation of individual lives that no amount of polemic could achieve.

John McGahern's collected stories include material from three earlier volumes, the first published more than 20 years ago, as well as previously uncollected work. Since the original publication dates of every story are not given, it is hard to tell whether the sequence in which they are arranged reflects the chronology of their composition or

> matic grouping. With a writer whose themes and settings change as little as McGahern's it hardly seems to matter. The characters are archetypal figures (the priest, the schoolmaster) and the themes, as in the author's most recent novel. Amongst Women, are the invstration of hope and the

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imminence of death. "Wheels". the first story in the book, sets the tone of the rest. It concerns a middle aged man's visit to his elderly father, and describes the son's relief at having escaped the reversal of roles whereby "fathers become children to their sons who repay the care they had when they

were young".

The implacable enmity of fathers and sons is a recurrent theme in this collection, where the overall mood is one of fatalistic bleakness. There is an anachronistic feel about the world these stories evoke: a sense that the landscapes and characters are derived as much from literature as from life. The writer's models are Chekhov and the early Joyce, but McGahern's stories lack the humour and energy of those writers.

Now in its fifth year, the Ian St James Award was established to offer the incentives of publication and financial reward to inexperienced writers. Unfortunately, most of the stories in Blood, Sweat and Tears betray the marks of that inexperience. The exceptions are Chuck Anderson's slyly comic account of marital betrayal, "Life Begins at 40" and Frances Watt's "A View of Anatolia", which enlivens a realistic account of Edinburgh student life with a suggestion of the occult

# We are not a muse

Stephen Beller

**GUSTAV KLIMT AND EMILIE FLŌGE** An Artist and his Muse By Wolfgang G. Fischer Lund Humphries, £27.50

ustav's Klimt's The Kiss I has become one of the more popular icons of the walls of has become one of the late 20th century. On the walls of student digs the world over, it has become an emblem of the celebration of sensuality and modern decadence which we think of as fin de siècle Vienna. The two embracing lovers symbolise the ecstasy of erotic fulfilment, of the conjunction of male ardour and female fertility — or do they? Wolfgang Fischer tells us in this

beautifully produced and intriguing volume that the two lovers in the painting are Klimt himself and his companion of many years, Emilie Floge. But they never married. Their relationship may not even have been consummated, although he fathered at least three illegitimate children - and possibly as many as 14 — by other women.

This is the most sensational aspect of the relationship between artist and muse, but the relationship also allows the author to explore various aspects of art and society in Vienna in 1900. Despite a sometimes overly exclamatory style, Fischer provides an interesting account of the social back-ground of both Klimt and Floge in the artisan classes, of the fashion industry in Vienna and its battle against domination by Paris, and the role of Flöge's fashion salon in the development of "modern" fashion in Vienna. The text is accompanied by superb illustrations, some already well-known, but many not.





Emilie Flöge: photographed in Klimt's garden, c. 1905-6, and painted by him in 1902, wearing clothes designed by the artist

It is, however, the question of the nature of the relationship between Gustav and Emilie that haunts the book. I do not think it prurience to want to know whether or not "the artist and his muse" had sex with each other. If, as Fischer seems to be strongly suggesting, they did not, the implications for Viennese modernism are disquieting. Fischer's Klimt represents the inability of the modern Viennese artist to comprehend woman as both human being and sexual being. Either Klimt slept with his women, as of legend, or he treated them as rational and hence nonsexual. Fischer's Klimt was never able to take the responsibility of marrying the two images of woman together, just as he never could face the responsibility of marriage to Emilie, making her his wife.

Perhaps this should not surprise.

Weininger, and the image of woman as either saint or whore has very old roots. If Fischer is right, The Kiss, so often seen as a consummate expression of both spiritual and physical love, becomes the expression of a wish left unrequited. One could argue that their relationship was artistically fruitful, as this book comprehensively shows; nevertheless The Kiss represents a love without issue, of a man who could not accept personal responsibility and a woman who stayed with him and adored him anyway. In this light there is an autumnal sadness to The Kiss, which only some few close to the Vienna of the time, such as Hilde

Vienna was also home to Otto

Spiel, ever suspected. Steven Beller is the author of

# Another stint in the bibliopillory

couple of decades ago, in a foreword to the Antiquarian A foreword to the Antiquarian Book Fair catalogue, Philip Larkin remarked: "Only the other day I found myself eyeing a patch of wall in my flat and thinking I could get some more shelves in there." Since then, not only have books come under fire from the burgeoning technology which finds videocassettes a prime teaching "tool", but walls have dwindled to those of a "starter home" whose very fabric can scarcely support a shelf without risk of subsidence.

In peculiar defiance of this, new books have swollen in shape - and sales are down, publishers now justified in the despair which was long their affected stock-in-trade. Be all this as it may, the secondhand trade thrives. Not that such strength in the face of adversity can offer much guidance to the rest of industry, for it is peopled by the eccentric whose defiance of economic laws cannot be fathomed, an object of marvel and derision.

It is for this quality that Drif has become known over the past ten years. He is regularly to be seen atop a strengthened bicycle as he goes, nattily dressed, from shop to shop around the country in quest of books that he can sell at a profit, a trade which he turned to further account by compiling and publishing a guide for those who wished to

follow in his tyretracks. By dint of minuscule type abbreviations ("bksp") and acronyms ("farts" means "follows around recommending the stock), Drif compressed his idiosyncratic routes, peculiar punctuation and much salty information into a small. space. Many were the booksellers, accustomed to sober references in guides confined to the trade, who were startled by such assault.

Drif has all the subtlety of a catering pack of After Eight mints. The amiable Mr Baddeley of the Cottage Bookshop in Penn, for Steven Beller is the author of several books on Viennese culture block capital description: "Given Christopher Hawtree

DRIFS GUIDE, 1992-93 By Drif Field Drif Field Guides, £9.99 the dedication to [closing] time, the way the stock is crammed, in the rough treatment the books receive,

the locked room, the isolated &

difficult to find location it seems obvious the owner missed his vocation, he should have been a prison officer." Every year or two a rewritten edition appeared, often on sale in the shops it scorned - among them, Skoob of 11 Sicilian Avenue WC1, which has since published sober guides of its own, benefiting from the wayward course that Drift took. Arrybody could have told him that there was not a market for a formightly satirical magazine

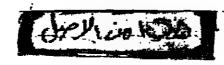
about the trade, but he forged on to

a complicated bankruptcy.

Ever resilient, last year's return to action found him unabashed, ready to scorn the trade and "the sweaty anorak brigade" which comprises much of its custom. Perhaps by now there are even collectors of Drif. The very first edition is scarce indeed, and the sixth is likely to prove all the more controversial, not least because it has leapt in format, and has broached the graphic-book market: hold it up one way and there is an essay, "How to Find a Book", with garish illustrations; turn it over and the usual guide is outweighed by a series of pieces which lay into his familiar targets - opening hours, charity shops, British Rail, Hay on Wye, Ireland - and offers such worldly wisdom as the reminder that the man who makes most

Drifs Guide is available from 41 North Road, London N7 9DP

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he unfixed British consti-

tution is an easy target for reformers of both the left

and the right Lacking anything like entrenched rights or

a supreme court, it is often repre-sented as a form of elective dictator-

ship or parliamentary absolutism, a

system in which the winner in the

On the left, our inherited consti-

tution is condemned as a barbarous

relic of medievalism, and the

fashionable slogan is "citizens, not subjects". On the right, the unlimit-ed authority of Parliament is at-

tacked on the ground that ephem-

eral majorities may curb important

freedoms, including the economic

liberties embodied in the market

economy, and allow a slow slide

into seridom. The remedy pre-scribed is the same in both cases,

and differs only in details. Our traditional constitutional arrange-

ments should be scrapped, and

Parliament made subject to a bill of

rights interpreted by an indepen-

dent supreme court.
Left and right differ about which

rights are to be so entrenched -

whether they are to be group rights,

positive welfare rights or the nega-tive rights of old-fashioned liberal-

ism. They have in common the con-

matters for legal adjudication, re-

moved from the realm of public dis-

their rival schemes of entrenched rights: the United States, where political conflicts are fought out in

the courts, and a tradition of public

discourse has virtually disappeared.

When the history of our age comes

to be written, not the least of its

ironies will be that the new right in

Britain has proposed casting aside

the well-tried traditions of our own

constitution and embracing the

chaos of American legalism, while

the left has adopted America as its

model of a political culture held

together by an abstract ideal of

equal rights. In each case the

reformers have sought to impose on

Britain an alien model that in the

context of any modern state is a

prescription for ungovernability.

This is not to say that all is well with the British constitution as it

stands. One of the many merits of

Lord Hailsham's profound and

succinct new book is that while re-

ecting the quack remedies of

written constitutions and bills of

rights, it forcefully confronts the

real dangers of over-centralisation.

torship. His proposals are at once

judicious and controversial; the

devolution of government by both

region and function; the incorpora-

tion into British law of the Euro-

pean Convention on Human

Rights: reform of the judiciary and

not its specific suggestions, but the

spirit in which it is written - that of

tism and reform go together,

provided that reform is the im-

provement of inherited practice

rather than its reconstruction on

some ideal plan. This book deserves

to be widely read because it

exemplifies the virtue rarest in an

When Bernard Crick's In De-

fence of Politics was first published

30 years ago, it could make a fair

claim to profundity. He argued persuasively that politics — the public reconciliation of their differences by

era of faddism: wisdom.

thinker who sees that conserva-

of the criminal justice system. What is invaluable in this book is

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They have the same exemplar for

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Has democracy won? The Oxford philosopher John Gray fears that it may be a mere episode in the post-communist world

free people through discussion and

negotiation — is an indispensable and underrated activity. He de-

fended it powerfully against the claims of those who thought it

could be replaced or eliminated by

the application of an ideology, by

social engineering or by reliance on the supposed deliverances of tradi-

tion. Crick's book was a minor

classic, a pertinent contemporary

defence of Aristotle's thesis that we

are inherently political animals against all those who imagined that

the political condition could some-

how be transcended - an illusion

which has resulted in the reduction

of human beings to objects of

of politics have changed, and the book has for that reason dated

badly. In the 1980s, the project of

eliminating politics was taken up

by the theorisis of rights, who wanted to replace it by law, so corrupting both politics and the law. This whole period is now

ON THE

CONSTITUTION

By Lord Hailsham

HarperCollins, £13.99

IN DEFENCE OF

POLITICS

DEMOCRACY

By Bernard Crick lenfeld & Nicolson, £16.99

Since its publication, the enemies

house turned up, rather than his mellifluent elder brother Armine.

Leni Riefenstahl: alongside Hitler during the war and (right) acquitted of collaboration with the Nazis at a Berlin court in 1952

LENI RIEFENSTAHL-PRODUKTION

n feminist her-storiography, the 20th century is at least a century of hope in womankind's age-old struggle against patriarchal usurpation of authority among humankind. Despite dog ged resistance by male chauvinists, women have steadily advanced their rights and their role in society over the past hundred years. But in the story of woman's liberation, the role of some pioneers has been neglected. Contrary to the Whiggish storybook of female progress, some of the most dramatic leaps over the obstacles of male prejudice were made by far from progressive women. Each of these two books, in its own way. Illustrates the signifi-

For most people, even today, Marie Stopes was the apostle of birth-control and of sexual liberation. June Rose's fascinating account brings out not only Marie Stopes's own belated enjoyment of the fruits of sexual licence but also the ideological framework inwhich advocated contraception. Stopes was a typical eugenicist and no friend of the "lower" human types, whether male or female.

affable man, though apt to duck

out of any development which

looked likely to be awkward for

him. What he liked most to do was

work. Which couldn't be finer for

his devotees, but is tricky for those

Wodehouse's wartime broadcasts

on German radio have been exam-

ined in the most minute detail: lan

Sproat's excellent Wodehouse at

War laid to rest for all but the most

ignorant of his readers the idea that

he was some kind of collaborator.

Inevitably, Barry Phelps dives deep

into this by now pretty clear pool

once again. Indeed, once Phelps's

version of the war incident is over,

the last 30 years of Wodehouse's life

Phelps knows his Wodehouse: he

used to be the principal British

dealer in Wodehousiana 20 years

ago; his catalogues from those days

were so good that they themselves

are quickly dismissed.

who write about his life.

Mark Almond THE SIEVE OF TIME

Memoirs of Leni Riefenstahl By Leni Riefenstahi

MARIE STOPES AND THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION By June Rose Faber, £14.99

Her opposition to the contemporary fascist leaders resulted more from their misapplication of eugenic theory than horror at its consequences. Like some Nazi theorists of racial hygiene, she worried that the "most valuable" elements in the male population were most likely to die in warfare. Although it was upper and middleclass women who followed Stopes's advocacy of contraception, it was to the C2s and below that Stopes looked for the effective use of birthcontrol to limit the teeming masses. If Stopes has been an icon of the

feminist movement. Leni

Riefenstahl, now 90, has been a living skeleton in its cupboard. Now available in English are the immortalised both the Nuremberg rallies (which she filmed twice, as Victory of Faith and Triumph of the Will) and the 1936 Olympics.

Of non-English-speaking direc-tors, only Eisenstein was more influential on film-makers in the first half of the century than Riefenstahl. If Hitler had won the war, would the creator of Battleship Potemkin have had the same underground influence that

Riefenstahl continues to exercise? Riefenstahl is a film genius, but this overlong self-defence will do little to lift the shadows from her reputation. It fits too easily into the catalogue of gifted Germans who went along with Hitler, preferring to promote their own careers and genius under his patronage and remaining wilfully ignorant of the nature of his regime until too late.

Riefenstahl not only defends herself against the charge of having served Nazi propaganda, she generously takes others under her protecting wing. This is unfortunate, since they are usually even

Nazi propaganda. Take Henri Riefenstahl's nude ph Sudanese Nubians in the 1970s (as well as the "Hitler Diaries" a decade later). Riefenstahl's defence of his reputation overlooks articles which he published in Das schwarze Korps, the house magazine of Himmler's SS. Film buffs willing

better documented as servants of

through pages of self-pity will find odd technical details and anecdotes which might make this book worthwhile. Historians will not benefit much from Riefenstahl's recounting of her meetings with the Nazi "great and good", except where she settles scores with those who survived the Third Reich by denouncing people like her. Her films will remain her legacy, arousing ambivalent admiration. Feminist understanding of the

roots of the women's movement in our century will only come of age when it gives up a black-and-white portrayal of its past and admits to shades not only of grey but also of brown. Not every woman who got to the top was a pioneer of progress.

# Liberated but illiberal pioneers

onwards, showing that hereditary government was challenged or repudiated and a genuine ideology of popular sovereignty was propa-gated. Other authors chart the metamorphoses of the democratic It is as a history of democratic ideology that the book is most worthwhile. But the long history of the idea gives little support to Dunn's thesis - tacitly endorsed by most of the book's other contributors - that the triumph of democance of illiberal liberated women in creating the modern world.

508 BC to AD 1993 Edited by John Dunn OUP, £17.95 POLITICAL THOUGHT IN EUROPE, 1250-1450 . By Antony Black Cambridge, £27.95 / £8.95pbk

scarcely touched upon in the book's fourth edition, aside from a few baffled references to the new right. Again, Crick leaves largely unrevised the chapter in which he ism, treating the latter as a piece of doctrinal excess, rather than the primordial political passion that has swept all else before it in our

Crick gives a blimpish account of the enthusiasm for market institutions in the post-communist world. finding in it a deplorable lack of British moderation, and failing utterly to grasp their role in renewing civil society — and therefore the possibility of politics - in the former Soviet bloc. He even achieves a sort of tour de force in anachronism when he invokes the Swedish model, overlooking its comprehensive collapse. Politics, Crick argues, is not an approximation to some higher and better state of mankind, but a permanent element in any civilised form of life. It is an important argument, and one of which we need reminding.

The central theme of Democratcy: The Unfinished Journey is that, whereas since the beginnings of systematic thought about government democracy has been one political ideal among many, it is now accepted everywhere as the sole basis for legitimate political authority. It may have emerged, almost by chance, 25 centuries ago: it may have suffered a partial orcomplete eclinse in the medieval period and in that of early modern absolutism: and throughout the 20th century it may have been

The unfinished journey cratic norms of government is irreversible. Like the triumphalist American neo-conservatives who found a spokesman in Francis Fukryama, with his wild claim that democratic capitalism is "the final form of human government". Dunn reads too many of the doctrines of the Enlightenment into the collapse of communism. The point is not the obvious one, which Dunn would readily concede, that the huge costs of managing the transition are bound to compromise or dislocate the fledg-

exploited by regimes that have nothing else in common; but the

events of the last few years mean

that democracy has become the norm of political legitimacy, with

It is the message of John Dunn's

instructive collection that democra-

cy is special: there is simply no

alternative to grounding political authority on the consent of the

people. This is true, as Dunn makes

clear, even if the nature of the

modern state makes the democratic

eral noteworthy pieces, Simon

Homblower contributes an elegant

account of the creation of demo-cratic institutions in ancient

Greece, giving Sparta its overdue credit for originating some democratic practices of public consultation. Quentin Skinner gives an

illuminating interpretation of dem-

ocratic experiments in the Italian city-republics from the 12th century

idea in more modern times.

Dunn's anthology contains sev-

ideal only imperfectly realisable.

no surviving competitors.

ling post-communist democracies. It is the deeper objection that in many parts of the post-communist world the sources of political authority are pre-modern — in ethnic allegiance, in religious traditions, and in ancient cultural identities in which democracy has no part. It is China, where market institutions are combined with Confucian authoritarian traditions, not democratic India, that is likely to be an augury for the future. It seems by to have occurred to Dunn that democratic institutions in Russia, say, may be merely episodes, with the future there belonging to no Western ideology, least of all that of popular sovereignty. It is salutary to turn to Antony

Black's invaluable account of medieval political thought to be reminded of the oluralism of medieval thought. As authority itself wanes especially the authority that was founded on the political tenets of the Enlightenment - it is ever more fruitful to turn back to medieval times for real enlightenment. Then political theorising was rooted in the beliefs that people held about the communities they lived in and the goods they valued. Black's book is a pleasure to read, if only for the many evidences it gives the reader that political theory was not always the dreary recitation of liberal formulae, conducted at a safe distance from reality, that it has largely become.

ter, Helena Kennedy QC.

#### odehouse sets his biogra-phers a difficult task. Across most of his 98 How complex was books, he is a brilliantly funny the comic genius? writer - perhaps the most consistently funny the English language has yet produced. Not for nothing did his peers call him the Master By all accounts he was a pleasant. battles with the American Inland

Philip Bassett

P.G. WODEHOUSE Man and Myth By Barry Phelps Constable, £16.95

now fetch high prices from American dealers. He is rightly dissatisfied with the standard version of Wodehouse's life, Frances Donaldson's 1981 book P.G. Wodehouse: The Authorised Biography (which has just been reissued in paperback). But instead of accepting that, once he was established. Wodehouse's life was dull from the biographer's point of view. Phelos treats what we know of Wodehouse as a 'myth" to be exploded.

The "myth" is this. Pre-war Wodehouse was a "complex" man: sociable, calculating (especially over money - a study of Wodehouse's

Revenue is being prepared), thrusting and ambitious. But the affair of the war broadcasts was so devastating, according to Phelps, that afterwards Wodehouse created an image of himself as an "amiable and unworldly recluse, the simple man with a lucky ability to write sparkling humour who claimed he was about as pronounced an oaf as ever went around with his lower

Quite apart from failing to say why being "complex" is somehow better than being "simple" - useful to the biographer though this may Phelps never adequately demonstrates the complexity. Take one of the classic stories: a county lady, hearing of the young Wodehouse's social graces, invited his mother to bring her son to tea, only to be appalled when the socially graceless Pelham Grenville Wode-

jaw drooping and a glassy look in

Phelps asserts that in the Edwardian era, such a mistake by a hostess is simply "not credible". Then he goes on to use this assertion to cast doubt on Wodeso to show his "complexity". This theory blights the book.

which is a shame, since otherwise P.G. Wodehouse: Man and Myth is a great deal better than previous attempts at his life. In particular, it is better researched, helped partly by the availability of Lady Donald-son's selection from Wodehouse's letters (though Phelps admirably marshalls the unpublished sources. including new letters). Perhaps the best clues to this

annoyingly flawed biography lie in the strange title of Phelps's introductory chapter, "Wodehouse and Me", and the even more bizarre cartoon on the book's dustjacket, depicting Wodehouse playing Jeeves to Phelps's Wooster. If that is how this biographer sees his relationship with his subject, it is surprising that the loopiness of Phelps's attempted demythologising of Wodehouse has not futher damaged his otherwise impressive work.

#### IS THE LAW MALE?

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#### Just and eloquent plea for those the courts forget lthough it sounds rath **Stephen Tumim** er like the title of an old-

defends the system against

fashioned detective **EVE WAS FRAMED** story – an unknown Michael By Helena Kennedy Innes perhaps — Eve was Framed is a new study of Chatto & Windus, £16.99 women and criminal justice by the controversialist and barris-

By their nature, polemics encroachment by the continental inquisitorial system. so are unfair: they do not prestrongly championed by tend to balance. This is sometimes disguised by an academ-Ludovic Kennedy. She proclaims the villainy of many ic style of understatement, of which the late Lord Devlin women criminals. Myra was the master. Helena Ken-Hindley is no heroine here. nedy will have none of it. But as one progresses through this book's very When she turns to the clubs to which judges belong, they become "leather-bound waterreadable chapters, the author's serious purpose becomes clear. ing holes", a rather bizarre It is to identify and denounce image. Back she goes to the Temple, where the smell of the stereotyped thinking she finds common at all levels in the gentleman's club perme-ates every crevice of the Inns of the system. She observes the stereotype in terms of social Court". The splutter supplants class, of blacks and whites and the image. "Was Eve Framed?" would have been a Asians, the "good wife" and the "bad wife", and in particuvery different book from Eve lar in terms of the woman as witness in the context of the

Was Framed. trial for rape. Her polemic does not entail an attack on every aspect of the Judges are mostly male. It is they who direct and advise the juries. But judges — both male and female — are legal system. She enthuses with the fervour of a Rumpole, and in oddly similar language. brought up in law on the doctrine of "the reasonable over the burden of proof, the golden thread, the cab-rank man". There are some things principle for the Bar: "Graven in the stones of great halls, he does and others he does not they are the core and strength "Juries", writes Kennedy, of the legal tradition." She



Echoes of Rumpole: Helena Kennedy QC

"are now told that they must not altogether disregard the particular characteristics of the defendant — if, for example, he or she is homosexual, or black, or a vagrant - but the reality of some people's lives is often incomprehensible to the

What may be expected of the reasonable vagrant is an odd subject for speculation, but this is the kind of issue on which courts inevitably exercise their imagination and knowledge of life. It would help, runs the message of this book, if men

were a little more realistic. They should appreciate that women go to prison far earlier than men in their criminal

"you would think most women

"Many women are in prison for non-payment of fines, sometimes relating to nonpossession of a television licence. Most are single par-ents for whom a television is a staple of their existence. Women in court are seen as by nature dishonest. "If you listen to a judge directing the jury in

On racial questions, judges often commit themselves to curious generalisations for which there is no evidence. "This type of offence is far too prevalent among the

suffered from an inherent

defect which he is reluctantly

compelled to spell out."

Nigerian community." There may be something in the judge's mind here, but no firm evidence on which these generalisations are based is presented to the court. On this subject. Kennedy is saying what has been inadequately said before, and it is good for

What does she suggest we should do about it, other than clear our minds of cant? She makes the case for expert evidence being more freely used, for example on the psychological effect of repeated domestic violence on a battered wife.

She makes the case talthough less forcibly than Lord Devlin does in his brilliant essay in The Judge) for the value of a "perverse" verdict, when a jury directed to apply the law to the facts. finds that when properly applied it does not square with iustice.

She makes her real point with eloquence: "Justice is compromised because people

ever to do with the facts of the case. Those who are most susceptible are the young and the working-class. the immigrant, Irish, black, homosexual or female: when we look at the problems facing women, we should always keep these other groups in

who are caught up in an already flawed legal process

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# Rules fit to curb 'unfit' directors

Personal liability is seen as an empty

threat, according to a study by

Christina Williams and Andrew McGee

1986 implemented a watered down version of the recommendations about incompetent directors, made by the Cork committee in 1982. Limited liability could be withdrawn from an individual retrospectively, if he were shown to have caused his company to trade wrongfully, and prospectively, if he were found unfit to be concerned in managing a company,

This more creditor-orientated approach had to be reconciled with the government's promotion of the "enterprise. culture", which encouraged virtually anyone to start their own business with the protection of limited liability.

Incompetent directors. it was believed, might give way to a more "professional" director, yet the legislation encouraged nothing of the kind. There are still no entry or training requirements and discipline is by the threat of disqualification under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, a procedure supervised by the trade department, whose resources allow only limited commitment to

Part of the problem stems from the judicial interpreta-tion of the word "unfit". Mere incompetence will not suffice. only "jotal incompetence" or "reckless disregard", making the burden of proof onerous

THE insolvency reforms of and expensive. The Cork committee envisaged the disqualification and wrongful trading provisions working together. Wrongful trading. within the meaning of the Insolvency Act 1986, does not itself make directors unfit in the eyes of the courts. The wrongful trading provi-

sion aims to set minimum standards of behaviour for directors, but the only inducement to behave is the threat of personal liability. The scarcity of reported cases and our research show this is widely regarded as an empty threat. Legislation did not address

practical matters such as the costs of pursuing an action. Liquidators, funded by creditors, will not throw good money after bad without a strong case and may be ham-pered in constructing one by poor records. Much also depends on the availability of personal assets. In many instances, directors' guarantees will leave the company's bank with the lion's share.
One solution would be for

directors to be regulated by a professional body, controlling entry requirements and continuing education. Banks lending to businesses usually require a good track record. Those who "qualify" in this way may not have to give personal guarantees for company borrowing. An "unquali-fied" director is granted loans

a meeting of minds was over



Watered down: the late Sir Kenneth Cork, who chaired the 1982 Cork committee

only if he trades without limited liability — so far as the hank is concerned - by giving a guarantee

Another possibility might be to introduce a supervisory board, as there is in Germany and The Netherlands, for private companies. These boards should provide some check on the activities of directors, but their effectiveness depends on the energy and ability of those appointed. Directors who do not care ensure that members of their supervisory boards are of simi-

lar disposition. There is also an argument for a minimum capital requirement for private commanies. A company benefits where a director has to take a financial stake. Banks often involve directors in this way, through personal guarantees.

This leads to another possible solution: prohibiting banks that lend to a company from taking security from a third party. This would force them to deal with the company on its own merits and capital base, which would be a cushion for all creditors.

widely available. Insurers would probably require ped-odic "health checks", which would involve specialist advis-ers in the financial review of a company's business.

Many company directors will argue vehemently for the enterprise culture" and oppose any suggestion that limit-ed liability should be viewed as a privilege to be earned. Yet the most common cause of company failure in this recession is the domino effect of other companies collapsing without paying their debts. In

Banks might claim they would be less inclined to finance

smaller businesses. Yet lend-

ing is their business and they

would simply reassess their

criteria for small private firms.

Insurance cover against

wrongful trading might pro-

vide another check, if it were

The authors' study, published as Research Report 30 by ACCA, is available from 2 Woodside Place, Glasgow, G3

the long run, more attention to

directors' competence would

surely be of benefit to all

concerned.

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# Encountering an odd democracy

ROBERT

BRUCE

why the last internal constitutional report advocated its abolition. If you believed in conspiracy theory and thought that the council could rise collectively to a morning so dull and irrelevant that we would all pack our bags and never return to view their proceed-

ings again, then you might be right.
Personally, I don't believe that I suspect it has always been that duff. It says something for the dogged nature of the people who become elected to the council that the monthly

meetings are still occurring.
The problem is in the penified nature of the institute's democracy. Most members of council are elected through a district society system. Ostensibly, this means that the majority have fought to be there and have a function. This effectively meant the council's great desire to influence the numming of the abolition. As the final decision on this matter

institute and, by virtue of its size and dominance, of the UK profession itself. Sadly, this is not so. There are battles and contests to become elected. The London society's elections are notoriously difficult. Much of it depends on the pendulum of fashion. Some years, the electorate takes a swing at the supposed dominance of the large firms and elects small practitioners almost automatically. Other years, the pendulum swings the other way. This year, an MP who acts as adviser to Price Waterhouse, which normally would guarantee the election of every one-man hand in north London, romped

home. This year there were numerous candidates. Last year there were not enough to fill the vacancies. It is a very odd and unpredictable democracy. In some other areas, it does not really exist at all. The Liverpool district society, as far back as anyone can remember, has never had an actual election. Coincidentally, exactly the right number of candidates to fill the number of vacancies required emerge from the committee each year.

To prove that this is not necessarily a bad thing. Liverpool can boast a good and reforming past president. Arthur Green was a man who got things done. So it came as no surprise when he was appointed head of yet another committee to look into the constitution of the institute. The previous committee had looked into its "governance". That was deemed pretty revolutionary. Indeed, those reforms that the institute eventually got around to implementing have been extremely

WATCHING the first public meeting of the Successful, at least in raising membership English ICA's council last week you could see interest. This was where the idea of faculties came from

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So Arthur Green's recommendations were expected with some anticipation last year. After all not only had the ground been gone over before, but this time the chap in charge had a reputation for translating reports into

Unfortunately for Mr Green, his working party recommended abolishing the council Or rather, instead of having it meet ten times a year in the council chamber at the institute's London headquarters, it would meet only twice a year in a much enlarged form on a regional basis and act as a source of ideas rather than a debater and ratifier of decisions. A smaller executive would take on that function. This effectively meant the council's would be the council's, you

can see why it has not come about. So the institute is stuck with its council, at least until it can think of another wheeze for getting rid of it. In recent years, the institute has trengthened its composition by co-oping members from the large firms and other areas that prove anathema to the voting constituents. This is why the membership includes people from the regulatory bodies and senior partners of the biggest firms. for example. But such people also learn early on how footling much of the business is. So they turn up only when there is something they consider to be important on the agends. Few of them were

there for last week's meeting. Instead, a silent majority from the shires sit it out. They have had their travel expenses and the hotel. There is a good lunch to come. It is thoroughly enjoyable, a gathering of chams in the same business who are flattered by all the flummery.

points. Individual members did advocate sues that were close to their hearts with an effectiveness and a passion. But they were isolated incidents

It may be that being open to the press and the public will force change. At the moment, it looks more like a relic of the long gone days, for the Victorian profession. Days when immobile respectability acted as a cover for flamboyant business behaviour. All that seems to be left is the immobile respectability. The author is associate editor of Accountancy

#### Meeting of like minds

ROGER Lawson, vice-president of the English institute, was in fighting form during the first national conference, held in Bristol, for chartered accountants in business. The conference, which attracted 145 paying members for a three-day event, far more than the institute as a whole can muster for its annual jamboree, looks set to become a

fixture on the calendar. With more than 30,000 ICA memition as the pivotal role within this country's corporate and bers working in business, such

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

#### Noddy mobile

due. Lawson, a director of 3i, who joined luminaries such as WHAT do Noddy and Big Sir Trevor Holdsworth, chair-Ears have in common with man of National Power, and Hugh Collum, finance direc-Robert Maxwell? Answer: tor of SmithKline Beecham, Price Waterhouse. Earlier this said: "Chartered accountants summer. Tony Lomas, one of have consolidated their pos-

to the Maxwell administra tion, clinched the sale of Macdonald, publisher of the Noddy books, among other things, to America's Little, Brown. Noddy is unknown in America, however, and Little, Brown wanted nothing to do with him. Lomas sold the Noddy rights again to BBC Enterprises. To mark the signing, his firm wheeled out a red and yellow Noddy car - registration "PW1".

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# Selkirk to enjoy perfect farewell

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it should also be an ideal warm-up for the final race of his illustrious career, his crack at the Breeders' Cup Mile at Gulfstream Park, Florida, on

October 31. Ian Balding reports Selkirk to be exceptionally well and showing no signs of having had a hard race at Ascot 19

days ago.
Ray Cochrane, who missed the ride on him that day because he was suspended, takes over again from John

Nobody knows the intricate ins-and-outs of Selkirk better than Cochrane, who forged a partnership with him that netted the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes last year and the

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Lockinge Stakes and Beefeater Mile this season. Cochrane describes Selkirk as the best horse he has ridden. in trying to copy the tactics

that Cochrane had employed so skilfully, Reid ran into traffic problems at Ascot and could only finish third behind Lahib and Brief Truce in his attempt to win the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes a second

Selkirk is best judged on his earlier efforts, especially that wonderful performance against Marling in the Sussex Stakes. On that occasion Second Set was behind in third place and he was also behind Selkirk again at Ascot. The enigma in the race is obviously Mystiko. He is a

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3.05 Go Executive.

3.40 Perfect Circle. 4.10 AZHAR (nap).

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

4.40 Marco Magnifico.

good horse on his day as he showed when winning the corresponding race 12 months ago, having already won both the Free Handicap and the 2,000 Guineas on today's track before that.

This season, though, Mystiko has finished behind Selkirk in his three races at .Newbury, Goodwood and Ascor, giving rise to the feeling that he is not the force elsewhere that he is at Neumarket

In fact Newmarket is the only place where Mystiko has won, his only success as a twoyear-old being gained on the July course. So it remains to be seen whether another race on his home track will manage to rekindle the fire of old before he, too, is packed off to stud. Wherever Prince Ferdinand finishes, Dilum should not be far behind because only half a length separated them when they were second and fourth

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(2-Y-0: £8,675: 7f) (25 runners)

4.10 DAVID SWAMMELL HURSERY HANDICAP

respectively behind Pursuit Of Love in the Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster.

Norwich, who finished fifth that day, is now no better off. Furthermore he has finished behind Prince Ferdinand since then at Goodwood, after winning in Ireland. Thourios comes from a stable that is right out of form

Cochrane takes over again on Selkirk

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**GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD** 

FORM FOCUS

while the 1.000 Guineas fourth, Perfect Circle, has disappointed on today's track since winning at Doncaster. albeit when the ground was softer than it is now.

Touch Paper, who started favourite to win a handicap over ten furlongs during the last meeting following an eyecatching run at Doncaster, is given the chance to atone over a longer trip in the Greene

Well as the recent course and distance winner, Hob Green, should go in the Jeyes Handicap off bottom weight, I marginally prefer Sahel from John Gosden's in-form stable, which sent out Perfolia to win the race last year.
Some well-bred newcomers

have been declared for the Chesterton Maiden Stakes but the experience that Trippiano gained when finishine second at Sandown could well prove decisive.

# throws hat

By RICHARD EVANS

AN INNOCENT bystander

sits on the Bank of England's board of banking supervision.

ed by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association as a candidate for the British Horseracing Board — the new authority being set up to steer racing towards the 21st Century — and he is already relishing the prospect of being elected.

1956, he wants to use the experience he has gained in the City and dealing with the government to ensure the BHB is properly structured and does not become a forum for sectional interests engag-ing in parish pump-style bick-

Board and the Tote. "I have a reputation of

artist blush

The only difference is that

That must change."

the bookmakers.
"We have to find a formula

While some will question

# Swaythling in BHB ring

RACING CORRESPONDENT

might think Lord Swaythling has enough on his plate, without trying to sort out racing's crisis.

Despite being only months off the official retirement age, he is chairman of Rothmans International, a job which takes him round the world, a director of The Daily Telegraph and the Tote, and he

Now he has been nominat-

A racehorse owner since

ering.
Without proper structuring, he argues, the BHB will struggle to run such a large industry and find it difficult to prove to any government that it deserves to get its "sticky hands" on the Levy

Indeed, he does, Some of his remarks about the Jockey Club down the years would be enough to make a striptease

Ironically, he believes the role of the Jockey Club, as envisaged in the future, is correct. "It is very good at smacking jockeys' bottoms, and looking after the integrity of racing and the pattern committee."

In common with most people, he identifies racing's financial troubles as the main priority. "Racing is currently an industry in crisis. It is in very good company. Almost all industry in this country is in crisis.

racing does not have a common voice which is required to smooth the difficulties whilst in crisis and be prepared for the next take-off. Nobody speaks for racing in Westminster and Whitehall.

He has a constructive approach to the betting industry. "You have to get the bookmakers on your side. It is no good talking about bookmakers giving more unless you have a plan and a basis on which you can negotiate with

where bookmakers can serve shareholders and their own interests and, at the same time, contribute more to racine

his effectiveness as a Tote board member and the potential conflict of interest on the BHB, I hope Swaythling is elected. He speaks more sense than most, has genuine influence in the City and Whitehall, and will stand no nonsense from the Jockey Club.

#### 3.20 BIRCH PLC HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,976: 3m 110yd) (14) 2.15 Murphy Street, 2.45 Lightning Spark, 3.20 Jock's Burn, 3.50 Tug of Gold, 4.25 Norman Conqueror, 4.55 Comstock, 5.25 Always Ready,

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2.15 AVS/GOLD BLEND HOVICES HURDLE

2.45 WINTERTORS JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,626: 2m) (16)

AMBER GLOW 129\* L Codd 18-12 ...

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O EVERSO R855 6 M Tompins: 10-12 ...

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EBERTY GLEST 3F J Spac 10-7
J LISTINING SPAIN, 6 M Avison 10-7
U WEEKSHO GIRL, 16F W Brisbourne 10-7

9-4 Classic Scholit 11-2 Major Risk, 7-1 Bo My Hobige, 9-1 Lightning Sport. Signs Nich, 10-1 Victor Roman, 12-1 Tip N Nr. 16-1 Margher 20-1 other.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

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JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 14 sworms from 52 rights, 25 9%, 14 Williamson 9 from 39, 23 1%; T Eley, 3 from 14, 21,4%, C Lievellyo, 10 hern 42, 20 8%; L Harvity, 5 from 27, 16,5%, R Durmvoody, 15 from 64, 17,9%.

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(£1,689. 2m 4i 110yd) (16 runners)

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4.25 IT RENTALS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

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HURDLE (£1,542; 2m) (9)

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4 00y YOUNG PARSON 546 E Owen pon 6-10-12. D J Burchell
5 SALINGER SF L Codd 4-10-11. S Tenter
SHARE TOWN 40F (y) M Tompleirs 4-10-11. T Elby (7)
8 PRO- WEEDON CARROS 4 (54) L Salabas 4-10-11. R Downworky
9 DASHING APPLE 108F D Thom 4-10-6. D Marphy
13.8 About 100-20 Adversable Mich. 1 Shale Town 10-1 10-1 (100-20)

#### 3.20 WATCHET NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,514: 2m 1f) (14) **TAUNTON**

MANDARIN 2.20 Salar's Spirit, 2.50 Wingcommander Eats, 3.20 Distant Memory, 3.50 Canon Class, 4.20 Strong Bream, 4.50 Send-Dollar. THUNDERER 2.20 Church Star. 2.50 Beimoredean. 3.20 Milas Marigold. 3.50 Grey Tomado. 4.20 Strong Breeze. 4.50 Bannigter.

2.20 DONYATT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS MOVICES HURDLE (£1,451: 2m 1f) (10 runners) 6-4 May Duay, 3-1 (Zhunch Star, 9-2 Satar's Sport, 10-1 Hills Of Hoy, 12-1 Pigalla Wonder, 14-1 Peny, 16-1 The Cuchoo's Hest, 20-1 others

2.50 ISEFLO IODINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES ASSE (\$2,502: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 3-12 BELMOREDEAN 21 (BF.D.F.S) R O'Schoot 7-11-9
B D'Edition (5)
R Stronge
S Market CHASE (£2,502: 2m 110yd) (8)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS; M Pipe, 46 winners from 157 numers, 29.3%; J Old, 3 from 15, 18,8%, Mrs. J Refer, 7 from 41, 17.1%; W G M Tumer, 6 from 41, 14,8%; C Prophum, 13 from 92, 14.1%; P Hobbs, 9 from 68, 13,0%. 30CKEYS: P Holley, 7 werens trom 28 rides, 25 0%, M Fosier, 5 from 20, 25,0%, C. McCooxi. 5 from 26, 20,0%, M Richards, 5 from 29, 17,2%, M A Figgerald, 7 from 41, 17,1%, A Jones, 3 from 19, 15,8%

2.10 DEVILSWATER NOVICE HURDLE

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4 36 CATTHORES ROCK 18 C Parter 10-12 B Harding (7)

5 2 DOMENNAT SERENADE 12 M Harmond 40-12 P Haven

6 FORT RAIN IN Macco 10-12 A Dobbin (5)

8 3 PRIOR DOWNATION 17 G Moore 10-12 J Catophin (5)

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10 BN LID G Richards 10-12 B Harding (7)

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13 Floring Seconds 7-5 Bard Sancord 5-1 Vallacia Bett

5-2 Continuet Secende, 7-2 Band Suggest, 5-1 Spl4 Second, 5-1 Vallyria Resi, 8-1 Bullanguero, 10-1 Califfriess Rock, 12-1 Housed's Post, 16-1 others.

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2.21 KUSHBALDO 6 (6) C Parker 7-11-7 B Storey
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3 05P- GRESCH PWK 173 J Johnson 6-11-8 C Famil
4 20-F MAUTARY SCENET 12 (P. W A Sepherson 6-11-8 C Grant
5 0 PROMPTER 871 W Kemp 6-11-8 C Jones
6 1-82 TIRE YAMK 21 (B.B.F.) M Hammand 6-11-8 P Rivers
7 F TRETTY ALL 5 J Brockbark 7-11-8 G Brodey
8 26-5 ZAM BEE 155 W Rend 6-17-8 G Brodey
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JOCKEYS: N. Benfoy, 7 sentings from 18 frides, 39 9%; N. Doughty, 13 from 49, 25 ffs, C. Stand, 25 from 122, 23 6%, P. Wrongot, 4 from 20, 29 ffs; J. Callagden, 9 from 52, 17.3%; P. Moren, 17 from 99, 17.2%.

2.40 PORTGATE NOVICES CHASE

(£2,119: 3m 1l) (11)

(3-Y-0: £1,305: 2m) (12 runners)

P BREAKDANCER OF W Murr 10-12 M Richards
O3 DISTANT MEHORY 36 (8) P Hobbs 10-12 Pater Hobbs
P LANKSNOOD PRINCE 17F J Spearing 10-12 V Statesy (5)
MANAB 33F C Warman 10-12 | Hr D Sales (7)
8 MORGANS ACE 16 B Mahman 10-12 | Hr D Sales (7)
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3.50 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE

4.20 TIVERTON NOVICES HURDLE (1,441: 2m 3t 110yd) (6) 598 SEPREME WARROOM 12 J Taple 6-10-12 Miss L Bucksons (7)
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11-10 Strong Breeze, 13-8 Supreme Wester, 8-1 Marky Rendolph, 12-1 others.

4.50 RESORCINOL HANDICAP HURDLE 

5 - 220 FOREST FLAME 19 (F.S) Mrs J Rober 7-10-1 M Macagorich (7)
6 4320 CHAMPARNE RUN 754 (C.F.S) W S M Turne 7-10-10 P Holley
7 2290 EDDE KYRO 9 (F.S) 6 Chinards 7-10-5 Mr S Edwards
8 P-44 STLVER ASE 6 (S) J Bradley 8-10-5 Mr S Edwards
9 -000 TALLS 6 (V.P.) J Booky 8-70-0 M Richards
10 833 TARNION 9F (B.C.F) A Burne 4-10-0 S Burnough
11 -329 TRUE BRIT 12 (C.S) A Durn 8-10-0 G Macado
12 /0P0 JURNST 31 (F.S) S Roe 8-10-0 A Jones 8-1 Bennucier, 7-2 Sapti-Doller, 9-2 Phesion Blue, 6-1 Take, 7-1 others

HEXHAM 3.10 DAKWOOD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,510: 2m) (8) 2 63 SDLTARY REPER 13 Mrs 5 Smith 4-11-13 D Towier (7)
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3 6-33 DOUGAR 15 Mrs S Austin 6-11-6
4 72 EASTERN PLEASURE 13 M Hammond 5-11-7 D Bertiey
5 D1-0 DITO THE PLITURE 75 (B,CD.F,E) A Stronger 5-11-5 W Dwan
6 4-81 ROSPOLA MURISKY 28 (D,F) P Essers 4-11-3 F Murtagh
7 0-63 CARLA ADAMS 13 W Sterny 6-10-13 R Hodge
8 PP-P BELARIUS 15 R Bart 4-10-5 L Multishrey MANDARIN
2.10 Dominant Serenade. 2.40 The Yank. 3.10
Eastern Pleasure. 3.45 Lupy Minstrel. 4.15 Frickley.
4.45 Spree Cross.
THUNDERER 2.10 Dominant Serenade, 2.40 Mister Tuftie, 3.10 Eastern Pleasure, 3.45 Absallor, 4.15 Frickley, 4.45

15-6 Eastern Pleasure, 3-1 Romoin Mijnsky, 4-1 Cougar, 5-1 Regal Rompier, 10-1 Solvary Associ, 12-1 Carta Adams, 20-1 in to The Future, Behavior 3.45 ANICK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,322: 3m 1f) (7)

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Ja 6 3034 DRECT INTEREST 13 (C.D.6) Dents Smith 9-10-2 Magnet 7 45-5 MAJIC RAIN 15 (C.G) 6 Contours 7-10-0 — A Merrigan 9-4 Lupy Massret, 5-2 Hr Who Ourse Wins, 7-2 Soreen Deven, 11-2 Absollor, 10-1 Direct Interest, 14-1 General Harmony, 20-1 Majic Rain.

4.15 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICE HURDLE

4.45 MOORLAND HANDIGAP CHASE

5-2 Spree Cross, 7-2 Just Franco, 4-1 Guessomi, 5-1 Boston Rover, 6-1 Black Spur, 10-1 Sousie Mo, 14-1 Who's in Charge, 20-1 Diascale Ltd.

Blinkered first time

#### **Ingenuity takes Queen to best annual tally** Snurge's stable companion.

THE Queen achieved a personal best as an owner yesterday when Ingenuity gave her a 24th success of the season in the Lestie Petch Memorial Handicap at Redear. Her previous best was 23 in 1957. Lord Carnaryon, the Queen's racing manager, said: "The Queen is very thrilled - we all are. She has been stuck on 23 for about about three weeks."

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Michael Roberts drove the royal filly to a one-and-a-half length victory over Coolaba Prince to take his own tally for the season to 198. ☐ Mashaallah and Smurge.

who fought out the finish of last month's Irish St Leger, meet again in the Rothmans International at Woodbine, Ontario, on Sunday. They will be joined by Saddlers' Hall, Spinning and Beyton.

Ruby Tiger, goes for the \$300,000 E P Taylor Stakes.

☐ Gale Again, who did not see a racecourse until just over a year ago, enhanced his glowing career prospects with an impressive five-length victory on his reappearance in the Gordon Foster Handicap Chase at Wetherby yesterday.

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# Spence says team without Faldo presents challenge

By MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JAMIE Spence will launch his international career today in the belief that England can win the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews despite the absence of Nick Faldo.

Spence could not have chosen a more historic or romantic setting for his debut than the home of golf, and he is determined to demonstrate, at the age of 29, that he has a long-term future in the international arena.

"I didn't play for my country as an amateur, and it's taken me seven years as a professional to do so," Spence said, "I'm obviously very excited.

"I know a lot of people are convinced that without Nick we will struggle. I prefer to think that without him we've got something to prove. We want to show that England can win even without the No. 1 player in the world."

Spence will carry the additional pressure of being captain, even though his teammates, Steven Richardson and David Gilford, are both above him in the Sony world rankings.

Spence has, however, advanced his claims for a place in Europe's team for the Ryder Cup next year by winning the European Masters. "My ambition is to be in the team," he

"I would hope one day to challenge for an Open Championship, but I am realistic enough to think that the Ryder Cup is a more sensible target right now. I think I can be one of the best 12 players in

Europe."

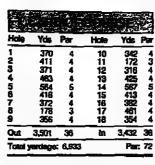
A blustery wind whipped off St Andrews Bay and across the Old course, putting the ther-mometer into free fall. Santi Sophon, Boonchu Ruangkit and Theworn Wiratchant, of Thailand, looked to the skies for relief, but the weather forecast suggests that they might find the nearby woollen mill a more likely saviour.

Sandy Lyle, wearing two cashmeres and his waterproofs, appeared to be in his

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Australia. 5-1: Scotland. 7-1: Sweden, Spein, England. 16-1: South Africa. 20-1: Ireland. 40-1: New Zeeland. 50-1: Germany.

a big factor here this week," he said. "The pretriest of swings will be torn to pieces."

Lyle admitted that his swing came apart in Hamburg last week, where he missed the cut. "I didn't play that elever," he said. "It has been that kind of year for me, although I did at east win the Italian Open.

I'm still puzzled that Nick isn't here for England, but I must admit that I'm amazed by his ability to keep going this year. He seems to retain that tiery determination to keep scoring those 65s; I'm just smouldering at the moment."

Lyle is waiting to learn if his



Spence: England captain

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room hotel, which he wants to convert into a house, in Biggar, south of Edinburgh, has been accepted.

Scotland will begin today with a match against Canada in group three, in which their other opponents are Sweden, the defending champions, and France England play Japan in group two, their other rivals being Spain and

The new round-robin format, with all 16 teams certain of surviving through to Saturday, will offer more golf for the spectators and provide less chance of an upset. Even so, only the winners of each group will advance to the semi-finals on Sunday, and there will be ittle room for error.

Greg Norman, who with-drew from the World Match Play Championship last week with a neck injury, is fully fit to lead Australia in group four. They begin with a match against Germany, and also have South Africa and Thailand to contend with. The United States will start

the favourites, with the dream team of Fred Couples, the Masters champion, Tom Kite, US Open champion, and Davis Love III, the US Players

Kite recalled that when he first played at St Andrews in 1971 it was in the Walker Cup. "We had an excellent team then and we got best," he said.

He was also a member of the United States Dunhill Cup team that was beaten in the first round by France in 1990. The United States, however, have correctly been seeded No. I and they will begin in group one against New Zealand. Christy O'Connor is upset

that Ireland, twice winners, have been drawn No. 8, because it means they are also in group one, as are Korea. ☐ Laura Davies, with £66,333, has finished leading money-winner on the wornen's European Tour, for a record third time. The Rookie of the Year was Sandrine Mendiburu, of France.

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Record-hunters lured by waters that promise to produce big



Angling for the big one: Steve Lindsell, left, and Mick Toomer prepare to try their luck at Llandegfedd, which has produced the record pike

# Fishermen with a line on leviathans

The members of Britain's small army of pike specimen hunters will never have a better chance of writing their way into angling history than over the next few weeks. Even on a conservative view, there has to be a great possibility that the record for the species will be broken.

The prospects for the pike men have gradually been transformed in recent years, with the increasing readiness of the owners of large trout fisheries to allow pike fishing in the autumn, when the trout season has wound down. This year, squeezed by recession and desperate for revenue, more trout waters than ever before - including some of the most famous — will be available to those willing to pay up to £80 a day for a boat to fish

from and the chance of glory. The most renowned water of all, Llandegfedd Reservoir, near Pontypool, is already being fished by pike anglers and will remain available to them every Monday and Tuesday until November 3. Other

Fishermen begin their quest for specimen pike in the autumn.

This season, with so many new waters available, the British

record appears to be ready for the catching, Brian Clarke reports

well-known waters in the South and the Midlands will be open between now and early December.

it was on Llandegfedd in 1989 that Gareth Edwards, one of Wales's finest rugby union players, made his name in angling. Edwards, who is a fanatic fisherman, landed a pike weighing 45lb 60z, so breaking the record for the species in England and Wales. That fish supported what many had been saying for years, that the pike record was the most likely of all the main marks to be significantly improved and that the waters most likely to produce the leviathans were large reservoirs holding trout.

To attain great size, which means to grow to 30lb and more, a pike needs constant access to a pientiful supply of smaller fish on which to prey. Trout, with their high fat content, are the richest of all freshwater fish available to pike and, thanks to the boom in stillwater trout fishing over the past 30 years, many more

trout fisheries have opened. Even the largest public supply reservoirs have long been stocked with trout to provide an angling amenity and to help bring in revenue. As the trout are caught, others are regularly introduced, so that stock levels are maintained and anglers have an incentive to come back to the waters. Where better to look for whopping pike, the specimen huntwhich the pike are not fished for and yet are served up with conveyor-belts of their most fattening food?

It was a theory that gradualgained ground thanks to the inadvertent help of trout specimen anglers. Some trout anglers ignore run-of-the-mill fish and specialise in the capture of the huge trout that turn cannibal and live in the depths. Techniques designed to catch these trout proved capable of tempting the pike that lived there too, and one by one, they came.

ver time, the pressure for access to trout lakes was increased on those who controlled them by the pike angling lobby; and over time, despite the protests of some in the trout fishing community, access was conceded.

Amazing results - indeed, the most amazine in recorded pike-angling history — came when Llandegfedd was first opened to pike anglers in 1988. At a time when the pike record stood at 44lb 14oz, and when only half a dozen fish over 40lb had been authenticated in the previous 100 years, Llandegfedd, in a few days, produced two pike over 44lb, two further over 40lb, two more at 35lb and several

between 30 and 35lb. When Edwards's fish came on the only occasion the lake was fished the following year, it simply seemed to be part of ers argued, than lakes in an inevitable progression.

this that the pike record is now pursued with so much vigour. The focus is not only on Llandegfedd, even though, iven its remarkable past, that given its remarkable property will

naturally remain. Bough Beech reservoir, in Kent, is certain to produce a vast pike this year, and just possibly a record. When this trout water was first fished last winter, it produced one pike of 40lb (caught twice), one of 39lb and 22 others over 30lb. Most of its 300 acres will be able to be covered by the 18 boats that will be on it between October 26 and December 3. Hopes are understandably

Specimen hunters in the Midlands will be spoiled for choice Anglian Water plans to open the vast Ruland Water in Cambridgeshire from October 26 to November 8; Grafham Water is in opened from October 26 to November 1; Pitsford reservoir, which was opened for the first time last year, will be available from October 31 to November 15; and Ravensthorpe will be available for the first time on December

None of this, of course, is to suggest that a record will come easily, or with certainity. Anglers at Rutland and Grafham face the special problem of finding a big fish —the lakes are 3,000 acres and

1,600 acres respectively and

can be anywhere in them. Also, many fisheries are rou-tinely nessed for big pike in an effort to reduce predation on trout and so, while these waters are capable of producng big fish and while some big fish may remain, they will not be present in

and at Llandegledd though not at Bough Beech — fishing for pike is being confined to the use of artificial spinners, which is likely to reduce further the chances of the biggest fish being taken.

Even though Edwards took his magnificent pike on such a hire, spinners are more likely to attract small and mediumsized fish than those of which gends are made.

There is a physiologica factor at work, as well. All big ike are females and most of the biggest fish of the past --including Edwards's record -have been taken late in the season when the fish have been carrying several pounds.

None of the waters in question are to allow fishing in February and March, when the pike will be nearing their heaviest, because preparations will by then be under way for the new trout season.

Any balanced view of the prospects for the next few weeks has to take these factors into account. A record catch is out there somewhere but it will not be found and caught easily, even though the odds this year are better than ever

That is a caution that will deter nobody; and quite rightthe one they are looking for ly so.

RACING

# **Ladbrokes suspend Champion betting**

LADBROKES yesterday suspended their betting on the Dubai Champion Stakes despite assurances from Peter Chapple Hyam that all is well with Rodrigo De Triano. Together with Lahib, the

pair dominate the race to such an extent that we don't want to go on betting until we see how things stand tomorrow," said John Thompson, the London firm's ante-post manager.

Attempting to quash the adverse rumours, the trainer issued a statement from Manton. "We had a scare last night when we thought the trouble had flared up again. after he'd worked this morning and we'll do a bit more with him tomorrow."

On Monday, Chapple-Hyam had reported that Robert Sangster's dual 2,000 Guineas winner had developed a splint (a protruding growth of bone) on his off-fore and that the colt had missed two days' work. However, the trainer had added that, after a course of swimming and laser treatment, the three-year-old

was back on target.

When the bookmakers started their operations on Tuesday morning, a flood of money nationwide had seen Lahib's price cut from 2-1 to

But the horse was all right 5-4 favourite. However, this was probably because the punters considered John Dunlop's winner of the Queen Elizabeth If Stakes to be overpriced.

Of the big three bookmakers, Corals now offer 7-4 against Rodrigo De Triano, with a run. Hills alone retain their original prices with Lahib at 5-4 and his chief market rival at 7-4.

Don Payne, of Hills, said: "We're quite convinced that Rodrigo is all right. All the money for Lahib came the morning we started betting

mours have been flying around. That has to be

On the Cesarewitch front, it was announced yesterday that Willie Carson will attempt to win the second leg of the autumn double for the fourth time in the past 11 years on Cabochon, who yesterday became Hills's 7-1 joint favourite

ahib at 5-4 and his chief narket rival at 7-4.

Explaining their thinking old gelding's well-being David Morley said: "He was well-being of the complete that the said of the complete that the desperately unlucky not to win the Northumberland Plate.

and there hasn't been a penny for him while all these ru-2.30 (im 3) 1, Joseph's Wins (Deen McKeown, 100-30 lav); 2, Dara Melody (5-1), 3, Gay Ming (12-1); 4, Essayelfisee (12-1), 16 ran, NH: Petite Belle, NK, sh ind. R

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# Injuries and unavailability hamper team selection Canada pin their hopes on experience of forwards

By David Hands, rugby corresponent

CANADA will field two new caps for what may be regarded as the first in a three-match series with England at Wem-

bley on Saturday.

Although the game is the sole object of Canada's weeklong visit, the countries meet again twice when England tour North America next May.

Mark Williams, born in Welshpool and once of London Welsh and Saracens, plays in the centre and Jeff Knauer, from New Mexico. parmers Norman Hadley in

At stand-off half, Gareth Rees, who once played for

Wasos, has held off the challenge of the darting Bobby Ross in a side missing severa established players through injury or unavailability.

Canada's tour management watched a variety of combina-tions in a conditioned game against Rosslyn Park on Tuesday evening before deciding its match XV, where the greatest experience is at forward. Seven of the pack played in the international against the United States in Denver in June and four of the tight forwards played a substantial role in Canada's successful 1991 World Cup — as did

Gord MacKinnon, the Vancouver fireman. One of the features of the

game on Saturday should be MacKinnon's duel with Peter Winterbottom, the England flanker who played with the Meralomas club in Vancouver during his peripatetic years. MacKinnon, 34, was consistently outstanding as Canada reached the World Cup quarter-finals and, on the strength of that campaign, was invited to play with the World XV that helped New Zealand celebrate its centena-

ry in April.
"We are starting our prepa-

ration for the 1995 World Cup and we want to make small adjustments to the way we played last year," Ian Birtwell, the coach, said. Those preparations include

six internationals in 1993. Apart from the games with England, Canada play Argen-tina, the United States and a Latin American XV during the Pan American Rugby Associazion tournament. In September, they hope a

representative Australian side visit them during the Asian Pacific Rugby Congress

The challenge is for us to stay in the top eight or nine countries and the match with England will show if we can compete at that level," Birtwell added.

If they do, it is likely to be via the forwards as the backs settle into their roles. John Graf, for example, played centre in his last international but will be at scrum half on Saturday.

David Lougheed was a full back in Denver and now plays wing; Ian Stuart, a World Cup scrum half in 1987, has now switched to centre.

Versatility is at once a help and a hindrance, with so many players performing in one position for their clubs but elsewhere on the national

pleased just to make his international debut at 28. He was a member of the World Cup squad last year, without get-ting a game, and has been a replacement in Can-Am

Now, after playing in the Canz series in New Zealand for Rugby Canada, he gets his

for Ruigby Canada, he gets his chance at Wembley.

CAMADA: Stimment (USCOB): S Gray (Kats), M Williams (Meralomes), I Stuart (Vancouver Rowing Cub), D Lougheed (100000 Welsh); G Pees (Merigrac), J Gard (USCOB), K Svobode (Ajax Wanderes), E Evens (600 Novo), G Gordon (James Bay AA), J Kraser (Meralomes), N Hodievy (USCOB), Replain, G Mackfunon (6-Britania Lione), C McKarole (JSCOB). Replacements: J Loveday (Calcary Inish), A Tyman (Meralomas), T Moon (James Bay AA), K Winachowsid (Valox Vahatlana), J Hadon (James Bay AA), K Winachowsid (Valox Vahatlana), J Ha



Head to head: After six weeks of training. Frank Bruno, left, emerged from his camp in the Leicestershire countryside yesterday for the customary bout of verbal sparring with Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa, to publicise their world title eliminator at Wembley Arena on Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes).

They met at a hotel in Northampton. It was more of a Herol Graham duckingand-diving show than a Nigel Benn slambang wallop one. Each made the right moves and noises but showed a distinct reluctance to put the other down.

After the usual eyeballing for the benefit of photographers. Bruno said: "Yes, I've studied him. What size shoes he wears, his moustache. He's a gentleman and a nice guy, his hair's in place and he has a nice moustache." Even when told Coetzer bled as easily as Henry Cooper used to do, the big man's reaction was: "That sounds healthy to me." Coetzer, looking a bit like a sleepy

walrus contemplating a cold sea, was equally polite. "He has a very good personality." Coetzer said. "He's a good fighter. I've got a lot of respect for him as a person. I've come here to do a job."

Despite their reluciance to engage in

verbal fisticulfs, their next meeting will be an explosive one. Bruno's trainer, George Francis, said: "He [Coetzer] has got a good chin and a great heart. He's a good fighter. Don't sell him short." Coetzer's trainer, Alan Toweel, agreed

"He's one hell of a fighter," Toweel said. Beating Bruno is better than beating Riddick Bowe or Lennox Lewis. Lewis is leaving two days early from

his Pennsylvania training camp, where he is preparing for his final eliminator against Razor Ruddock, to be at ringside to sec Bruno. "I want to wish him well," Lewis said.

"Hopefully it will lead to a fight for the undisputed world heavyweight title between two Britons."

# McKenzie takes a gamble

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent knocked out in the first round

by a little-known Puerto Ri-

can, Rafael Del Valle, in May,

sive in his first come-back

contest against Peter Buckley,

of Birmingham, last month.

McKenzie stopped Buckley in three rounds, but his timing

was missing. Still, McKenzie, thinking

he could sharpen up in one

and did not look too impres-

DUKE McKenzie faces the toughest bout of his career when he challenges Jesse Benavides, of the United States, the World Boxing Organisation's super-bantamweight champion, at the Lewisham Theatre tonight. Benavides is not only a better boxer than any of McKenzie's

37 other opponents, but also the heaviest. Yet, just ten months ago, McKenzie considered the Texan an ideal opponent. "I saw him on tape and I licked my lips," McKenzie said. "1

found him by accident on the tape of a James Toney fight. Just the job, I thought." McKenzie's manager, Mickey Duff, said: "Duke pleaded with me to get him Benavides ten months ago."

Ten months is a long time

in boxing. McKenzie was

month, decided to challenge Benavides. Since the contests were no easier in the lower bantamweight division, it seemed a sensible idea to move up to a weight at which he felt comfortable, and one

which would give him his third world title. "He's a very capable and good champi-on," McKenzie said, "but I feel good about this fight." However, the experts were not convinced. Feeling that

the one-round knockout by Del Valle was an indication that McKenzie was beginning to slip, they remained sceptical about his ability to take a punch on the chin at either weight. Benavides, with 23 knockouts in 35 bouts, could prove too strong.

The Texan was an outstanding amateur. His one defeat as a professional is by Pedro Decima, who went on to win the World Boxing Council's bantamweight title. Benavides has won all his 13 bouts since.

As Benavides is a southnew and also not simply the forward-moving type that McKenzie likes, he could cause problems. If McKenzie does not stay clear of the big counter-punch, the dream fight could turn into a nightmare.

#### Coaching job is offered

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to German By MIKE ROSEWELL

THE Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) has offered the post of chief coach for men's rowing to Jürgen Grobler, the former East German who coached Steve Reagrave and Matthew Pinsent to world and Olympic titles. Grobler has been coaching

director to Leander since 1991 and has also acted as technical adviser to the ARA. Grobler graduated in physi-

cal education from Leipzig University in 1970, and was chief coach in East Germany for 20 years. His crews won nine gold medals in three Olympics and more than 30 medals at world championships.

The contract offer from the ARA would make Grobler responsible for the formation and selection of crews through to the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. A condition of acceptance of the new post is that he should cease to be Leander's coaching director, although with some 50 per cent of the club, including Redgrave and become a stranger there.

Grobler's view is that "I would be silly to think of just one club. I want no politics, we just look for the best British

One of Grobler's first objectives would be to form a council of coaches to help formulate policy and strategy. In his view, if this fails after one year, "I am a dead man". He said: "One top coach is not enough." If his coaches' council failed to work, "I would be the general of an army with no army".

He accepts that many Brit-

ish coaches are honorary rather than paid officials, but part of his brief is to provide technical leadership, something he is already committed to with next year's Oxford

Ivor Lloyd, the Leander captain, said yesterday that he considered Grobler's abilities to be above just a club level. He said: "He was the sort of man the ARA should have got years ago. We are in the throes of sorting out the detail. We do not want Leander left

#### YACHTING

#### Donovan gets lucky break

THE dice began to roll for the leading crews competing in the British Steel Challenge yesterday as they searched for a lucky break through the Doldrums (Barry Pickthall

The first to gain from this notoriously unpredictable area of calms between 5° and 10°N. which can trap yachts indiscriminately for six hours or six days, was Heath Insured, cays, was Fream Instreu, skippered by Adrian Dono-van. By 14:00 GMT yester-day, they had pulled to within 14 miles of Paul Jeffes's leading yacht, Interspray, overtak-ing British Steel II as the front-runners hit the calms.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Rio de Janeiro) 1, interspray (P Jeffes), 2,168 miles; 2, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 2,182; 3, British Stael

# Australians open with show of strength against Leinster

THE Australians will enter the first match of their tour of Ireland and Wales, against Leinster at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, with all guns firing. The only absentee from the team that best South Africa in Cape Town in August is at scrum half, where the retired Nick Farr-Jones is re-

placed by Peter Stattery.

Given the reputation that Munster enjoy for upsetting touring teams (the Australians visit Cork next Wednesday), there must have been a temptation to keep some powder dry. "We thought about mixing up the Test players in the first two games but then decided that the guys who played against South Africa should be rewarded by start-ing the tour together." Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, said.

The imperative for all touring teams is to open their account by winning, and the world champions certainly appear to have ensured that against a Leinster team that will be without the B cap. Paul Hennebry, at stand-off half,

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Landy in the "miracle mile" of

1954; the feats of the Konrads

swimming kids in 1958; the

races between Ron Clarke and

the Kenyans; and Bayi against

However, with the financial

losses sustained at the 1986

and 1990 Games and with the

growth of world and continen-

tal championships, the "Friendly Games" have re-

cently been struggling to

maintain their attraction. Vic-

the burden of ensuring that

the Games return to international prominence and are

likely to be achieved. With

nearly two years to go to the opening of the Games by

Prince Edward, the organisers

are already assured of a spons-

also a financial success. Both these ambitions look

Walker in 1974.

because of a broken thumb. His replacement is Alan McGowan, who played in the under-2! international against England last night. The implication is that all their newcomers, fitness per-mitting, will take the field

against Munster together: two of them, Damian Smith, the wing, and Anthony Ekert, the scrum-half, occupy the bench on Saturday. The only players not considered were Paul Kahl and Garrick Morgan, both affected by ankle injuries.

Slattery, 27, has appeared in six internationals but was a replacement as long ago as 1985 before losing that position to the emerging Brian Smith. He had to wait until 1990 for his first cap, against the United States, but has sustained his form in trying circumstances, helped by the high quality of rugby played by Queensland, the state he

Now that Farr-Jones has stepped down after eight years of international rugby, Slattery clearly hopes to make himself an equally valued

Eight of the 14 sponsors who

can have adversising inside the main arenas have already

concluded with all the major

countries, with the BBC plan-

ning to screen at least 72

hours live. Small packages will

now be finalised with probably

Asked whether the private

company running the Games might make a loss, George

Christie: title defence

Television deals have been

signed contracts.

another 60 nations.

term basis. His speed on the break and his tactical acumen have long been admired and put him among the possibilities for the team captaincy. which eventually went to Michael Lynagh. It is 26 years since Leinster

member of the team on a long-

last played an Australian team and they have only done so twice, in 1957 and 1966, losing narrowly on both occasions. In the old days of long tours, Ireland tended to be limited to three or four matches and since the international was always played in Dublin. Munster and Ulster were the provincial sides to receive the

VISITOTS.
ALISTRALIANS: M Rosbuck; P Carozza, J
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Herbert, D Smith.

☐ Bath have appointed John Gaynor, a solicitor, as their chairman after the resignation last mouth of Roger Berry. Gaynor, 53, was not a member of the committee but has been a member and supporter of Bath for the last 20 years.

Victoria Commonwealth

Games Society, replies: "The risk is non-existent. If anyone

asks me, I am sleeping very

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES** 

Victoria is confident of its success

comfortably." The sponsorships and tele-"An athlete has to balance vision deals are not contingent whether his or her long-term on the top competions taking part. With the European att-letics championships being held in Helsinki from August interests are helped by winbenefit. We are optimistic." 9 to 14, many of the leading British athletes may be reluc-

tant to travel to Canada immediately afterwards. Indeed, all the Commonwealth's leading athletes may be more interested in taking part in the lucrative grand prix meetings. They may be more interested in the money in Europe, rather than the med-

als in Canada. However, Linford Christie, the Olympic 100 metres gold medal-winner, has already announced that he plans to defend both his European and Commonwealth 100 metres titles. Heller also says that top Canadians like Mark McKoy, the Olympic 110 metres hur-dles champion, have already

in Victoria. "Of course, the credibility of the Games will be enhanced if every leading Commonwealth athlere takes

ning a title in Victoria compared to short-term financial The status of the Games, its sponsorship possibilities and television income, will all be

enhanced if South Africa rejoins the Commonwealth at the meeting of the heads of state in Cyprus in November At that meeting, the leading

Commonwealth governments should consider providing the financial backing for the Commonwealth Games Federation offices in London. As the Games is the one genuine manifestation of the Commonwealth, it will need the governments' help in order to have a professional staff for administration, fund-raising and for television and sponsorship negotiations.

SNOOKER

#### **Tension hits** O'Sullivan confidence

RONNIE O'Sullivan's baptism in the final stages of a world ranking tournament ended in anti-climax at the Hexagon Theatre, Reading, yesterday (Phil Yates writes). The former world junior champion, 16, hailed as the finest prospect since Stephen Hendry, was beaten 5-3 by Gary Wilkinson, the world No. 8, in the last 64 of the Rothmans Grand Prix.

"I know that pressure is part and parcel of an important match like this, but today it stopped me playing naturally," said O'Sullivan, who for ly," said O'Sullivan, who for the most part failed to rekindle the confidence he showed by winning 74 of the 76 matches he contested at the qualifying school in Blackpool this summer.

Alan McManus, a semifinalist in the Dubai Classic last week, maintained his imSCHOOL SPORT

# Uppingham get French lessons

UPPINGHAM School's rugby side fly to France on Sunday for an eight-day. three-match tour. Before they play, they will be given a lesson in the ways of French rugby by the England stand-off half, Rob Andrew, a Tou-Andrew, soon to return to

for his school.

Wasps after nearly a year working in France, will put the boys through their paces before their first match against Toulouse on Tuesday.

For a school with a reputation in sevens, St Edward's,

louse player.

Liverpool are not doing badly at the 15-a-side game. They have lost only one match in six— to King Edward VII. Lytham by 19-12. Progress has otherwise been

solid even if victory over Merchant Taylors', Crosby, in the Daily Mail Cup was down to a count-back on tries after a 24-24 draw. St Edward's won that battle 4-2. King Edward's include a 70-0 thrashing of Rishworth and a 36-0 hammering of St Bede's among their best results.

By Chris Dighton

Bedford are defending an unbeaten record from last ☐ Queen Elizabeth's, Blackseason, although they were run close by Harrow, who drew 8-8. The transition has been made harder because only three players remain from last year. One is the scrum half, Andy Gomarsall, the England Under-19 captain. He has scored eight tries

burn, the pre-tournament favourites for the football independent Schools Cup, have been knocked out 2-0 in the first round by Bolton, who next meet Bradfield. SECOND-ROUND DRAW: Hulms GS v Lancing, Forest v Repton, Cherterhouse v Westminister, Highquife v Aldenham, Botton v Bradield, Shrewstony v Letymer Upper, Wolverhampton GS v Branwood, Ardingly v St Bade's Matches to be played by November 7.

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ATLANTA: National League play-off: Prita-burgh Pirales 13, Atlanta Braves 4 (besi-of-seven sares level, 3-3)

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RACING Commentary

**GOLF** Reports and scores from the Dunbill Masters at St Andrews

SAN REMO, Italy: San Remo raily: Overall positions safer 19 species stages): 1, J. Karkkunen (Firl.), Mertini Landa, 4th 41min 48sec; 2, A Aghin (II), Martini Landa, 4th 41min 48sec; 2, A Aghin (II), Martini Landa, 12 seconds behand; 3, F. Delecour (Fr.), Ford Serra, 1:18: 4, M. Biesson (II), Ford Serra, 1:47, 5, A Florio (II), Landa Delte, 7:07.

RUGBY UNION BOXING REPRESENTATIV MATCHES: Someret 8, Devon 12, Durham 22, Cumbria 26. BURY: Super featherwelight (for British bife, 12 mids): Nell Haddock (Wales) bt Michael Armstrong (Manchester), rsc. 8th; Featherweight (for Central Area Championsto), 10 mids). Craig Dermody (Manchester) bt Russ Devleon (Settlord), ols. Welterweight (4 mids): Robert Riley (Sheffield) bt Crain Patrer (Rocholae), ps. Bartternweight (4 mids): John White (Safrord) bt (3th MeAuley (Doncaster), ols. Light-welterweight (6 mids): Jish Mick Hober (Burnley) bt Danny Kett (Norwich), pts. CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys 27, Beny Hill 10; Nottingham 53, Loughtonough Sts 0.

REGAL TROPHY: Preliminary round: War-rington S2, Biacippool 8. **TABLE TENNIS** 

NEWTON AYCLIFTE, Durham: European League Super Division: England 3, Belgium 4 (English names 9m); C Preen lost to Teatrens, 18-21, 12-21; Chen Juffuce lost to J Salve, 19-21, 18-21; A Cooke bt P Salve, 21-9, 18-21, 24-14; Cooke and Preen lost to J Salve and Cabrera, 15-21, 23-25; Preen bt J Salve, 12-21, 21-15, 21-19; Chen bf P Salve, 21-11, 21-8; Cooke lost to Gebrera, 18-21, 21-7, 9-21. SQUASH RACKETS

TENNIS FEDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tour-nercount: Peet round: N Zyterus (Russ) bt P Status (16), 6-3, 6-2 M Farrandez (15) bt B Schutz (Hol), 8-2, 3-4, 6-3, H Subove (22) bt K Habsudove (22), 8-1, 6-3; A Ternessari (Huri) bt McNell (18), 8-7, 6-3, 7-5; G Sabathi (Ang) bt K Kachwendt (Lud), 6-4, 6-2, A Huber (Gar) bt N Hermann (F), 6-4, 6-0; J Wissner (Austria) bt M Bebel (Gart, 6-2, 8-4; N Mediceneva (Ling) on a Remach (SA), 6-2, 6-7, 7-5.

TEL AVIV: First round: X Daufreche (Bel) bit D Riel (Czr., 6-3, 8-1; S Smrian (F)) bit D Engel (Swel), 7-6, 6-2 G Schafter (Austria) bit V Geshichiche (Georgia), 6-3, 6-1; M Gardz (Sp) bit A Chennolavo (CS), 7-6, 3-6, 7-6; M Ondhusica (SA) bit G Prozzi (II), 6-1, 6-4; L Jorsson (Swe) bit A Berrassingti (Sp), 8-6, 4-7-6; G Bloom (Isr) bit A Corretia (Sp), 6-4, 6-5; M Kossermans (Fiol) bit T Gueralde (Fr), 3-3, 7-6, 4-1 M J C Silva (Por) bit B Devening (LS), 7-5, 4-8, 7-6; A Mansdorf (Isr) bit J Carleson (Swe), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

TOKYO: Selvo men's Indoor totumamment: Second round: A Volkov (CS) bit R Fromberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; W Massur (Aus) bit G Raoux (Fr), 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; K Thome (LS) bit J Senchez (Sp), 6-3, 8-2; J Sizek (LS) bit T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-3, 5-7, 7-6; P McEnnoe (LS) bit D Wheelon (LS), 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; G Nanicavic (Crostea) bit R Remoberg (LS), 6-3, 6-4; R Krajicak (Froil) bit M Woodbride (LS), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, 8-2, 8 Messucka (LS) part) bit X A Othoveley (Russ), 6-2, 6-3

(Ger), 6-2, 6-4; N Medvedevs (Llie) bt E Remach (SA), 6-2, 6-7, 7-5.

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Stake v Notem Parest (7.0). ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Sec ond-round replays: Noderminster Harfer v Caersws; Llay RBL v British Aerospace.

OTHER SPORT BOXING: WBO super-leather trieweight Jesse Bergwdes (US) v Duke McKerzie (Croydon) (al Lewisham).

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GOLF EUROPEAN WOMEN'S MONEY WIN-NERS: 1, L Daviss (Eng), 556,333; 2, M Altredsson (Swe), 255,500; 3, C Dinnah (Aus), ESS 211; 4, T Johnson (Eng), ES1,805, 5, C Nisment (Swe), ESS,728; 6, M L de Lorenzi (France) ES4,921; 7, L Neumann (Swe), ES4,201; 8, A Nacholss (Eng), ES1,584; 9, K Dougles (Eng), ES1,511; 10, S Mendituru (F1), E22,896.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL):
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TOUR MATCH: Provence-Côle d'Azer Selection 12, South Africa XV 41. **RUGBY LEAGUE** 

VANCOUVER: Women's World Team Championship: Pool A: England 2, Instand 1 (England relames first: M Le Mograen Lost R C'Callegieur, 9-1, 9-1, 4-9, 9-10, 2-9; L. Opie bt B Ringland, 9-3, 9-0, 9-3; S World bt J McCaughey, 9-1, 9-4, 9-1); Germany 2. Canada 1. Pool B: Austrasia 3, Finland 0: New Zeeland 3, Netherlands 0. Pool C: South 'Africa 3. France 0: Singapors 3, Sweden 0. Pool C: South 'Africa 3. France 0: Singapors 3, Sweden 0: Pool of Costend Areas Relative 1 (Section 1) S Will 9-5. 9-0; E Donatchon bt K Keet, 9-3, 9-1, 9-1; S Brown bt K Yuen, 5-9, 9-2, 9-1, 9-2; United States 3, Jepan 0.

GOLF: Duntill Cup (St Andrews). SPEEDWAY: Homeline League: First di-vision: Swindon v Poole (7.45), Individual: Northern Riders' championship (Sheffield, 7.45) into:

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England Under-21 brushed aside

# McMenemy quick to pay tribute to Norway's class act

ENGLAND were swept aside 2-0 by Norway in the European under-21 championship at Peterborough on Tuesday

Lawrie McMenemy, the manager, said: "It was a disappointing result but the Norwegians were mentally and physically tough and well organised. You could see they had played together for some time. They showed excellent technique."

England never recovered from a second-minute goal by Frank Strandli, with Alf Inge Haland adding another in the

67th minute. In between, England laboured to make any impression. Steve McManaman and Steve Watson produced their best efforts from headers.

Norway, their team made up mainly of part-time players. have now gone nine matches without defeat and are almost certain to qualify for the European tournament quarer-finals after winning their first four matches.

Scotland Under-21 fought out a drab goalless draw with Portugal at McDiarmid Park "Our performance was patchy," Craig Brown, their coach, said. "Frankly, they were the better tearn technically. We were always aware of their quality and I can only emphasise we were five play-

ers short of our best line-up. Scotland lacked creativity and barely managed a decent effort on goal. Portugal, by contrast, had the opportunities but were let down by weak finishing and a goalline clear-

"Having lost in Switzerland last month, it was important to get off the mark," Brown said. "In view of the calibre of the opposition and our decimated squad, a point is a good start." After reaching the semi-

finals of the championship last year, it has been a poor start by the class of '92. Before the season began. we thought this group was as

good as the previous one," Brown said. "We haven't showed it yet but I'm sure there is more to

come. Portugal didn't see us at "I feel we can go there with a stronger side and get at least

another point." Lee Power, the Norwich City forward, travelled thou-sands of miles back and forth across Europe to play in the Republic of Ireland's under-21 match against Denmark. which they lost 3-2.

He was then told by the manager, Maurice Setters: "It's time you showed more responsibility.

Power's stylish front-run-ning showed why he is being groomed as the next graduate to Jack Chariton's senior

He had flown in from Romania, via London, after a weekend trip to Bucharest with Norwich but still kept the Denmark defence at full stretch and missed a couple of self-created half-chances by

Yet Setters, the uncompromising former Manchester United and West Bromwich Albion wing half, was not among boys out there at this level and we know he's got the ability to make it big." he said.

"But I've told him he's got to start taking more responsibility, take things by the scruff of the neck and really show what he can do. When that happens, he'll be in with a chance of getting into the senior group.

Power could first do with establishing a regular place in the Norwich side and, after two goals in two starts earlier this season, his opportunity might come again at home to Queens Park Rangers on Saturday, especially after Norwich's 7-1 defeat at Blackburn Rovers 11 days ago.

Mark Dempsey, of Gilling-ham, gave Ireland a fifth-minute lead but Jesper Kristensen soon equalised direct from a corner. Peter Moller added two more goals before Derek McGrath, of Shannock Rovers, scored near near the

Setters, who feared Denmark might overwhelm his inexperienced side, felt much happier about competing in a tough group that also includes Spain and Germany. We gave Denmark goals

with naive mistakes at the back but I suppose we can only learn from them," he said.

"We certainly didn't deserve to lose and it will be interesting to see how much we can improve in a year before the Danes come to Dublin. "I think we will beat them

then because the raw material is there and all these boys lack is a bit of time and a bit of



# Speedie placed on transfer-list

SOUTHAMPTON have put David Speedie on the transferlist less than three months after he joined them. Speedie, 32, a former Scotland international, is valued at around £400,000. The forward joined Southampton at the end of July as part of the deal that took Alan Shearer to Blackburn Rovers.

Ian Branfoot, the Southampton manager, said he wanted Speedie to live locally but the player was unwilling to move from his Covenity

"It has not worked out for the lad." Branfoot said. "We had a perfectly friendly char and agreed that it is better to part company now instead of

letting things drag on.
"The main problem is that
David does not want to uproot his family from their home in the Midlands and I really want him permanently down

here at Southampton.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMP-IONSHIP: Group One: Scotland 0, Postugal 0, Group brox: England 0, Norwey 2: 
Holland 1, Poland 3, Group three: Demmerk 3, Republic of Ireland 2, Group Isus: 
Belguan 1, Romanie 0; Cyprus 2, Wales 4
Group Ilve: Russia 5, Iceland 0.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: 
Northampton 0, Chestrafield 1, Gas YANJOHALL CONFERENCE: Bein 1, 
Welling 1: Northwich 1, Macclesfield 3; 
Funcom 2, Statybardgs 1; Stough 3, Yeovil 0; Telford 1, Kiddermenster 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Ipswich 0, Tottenham 1; Watford 4, Crystal Palacs 4

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for David because he is staying at Southampton a couple of nights a week, driving down from the Midlands a couple of days a week, and generally leading an unsettled and tir-

ing life because of that.

"In my opinion, the situation was getting him down and its better for both the dub and David to take positive action now. He's a smashing little player and I will do everything I can to help him find another club quickly." Speedie said: "I have not

asked for a transfer but I understand the situation and I accept the club's decision." unsettled Another

player,Chris Kamara, has been put on Laton Town's transfer list at his own request a year after a £125,000 move from Leeds United.

"My family home is in Yorkshire and they don't want to move and it is not easy playing for Luton when home is so far away," he said.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Liverpool 2, Wolveshampton 0; Manchester City 1, Newcastle 2; Notis Courty 2, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Sheffield United 2, Leeds 2, Second division: Eradiord 4, Burnley 0; Coventry 3, Wigen 0; Derby 4, York 1,

HPS LCANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow Q, Southport 2: Susson 2, Chorley 3; Droyleden 1, Horwich 3; Gelinsborough 1, Leek 4; Godie 1, Mossley 1; Marina 3, Hydia 1; Matlock 2, Frickley 1; Moracambe 4, Whitey Bay 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier di-vision: Hastings 1, Chalmatord 1; Trow-bridge 2, Worcester 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTES LEAGUE: First division; Atherton LR 2, St Holens 0.

MORTHERN LEAGUE: Flest division: Chaster Le Street 3, Stockton 3; West Auddland 1, South Benk 1, FA VASE: Prefirminary round, second riplay: Benstead 2, Whitespile 1, Trind riplay: Ousett Albon 2, Worsborough Bridge 3.

GREAT MELS LEAGUE: Premier divintors Chard 2, Dewilsh 1; Elmore 3, Minehead 2; Paulton 0, Taunton 0; Plyricush Argile reservis 3, Elmouth 0.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felsenhern 0, Gorleston 0: Felsestowe 5, Heistead 0: Great Yarmouth 0, Norwich Uniged 3; Wetton 1, Wrodnern 5; Wisbech 5, Histon 1

The other reason is that manager David Pleat loves young players. He is building a team for the future and I think will have a good side in a couple of years. But I would like to join a club challenging

for honours this season." Kamara began his career at Portsmouth and has also played for Swindon Town, amassing over 700 games.

Manchester United manager, said yesterday that he would not rush Lee Sharpe, the England winger, back into the first team.

On Saturday, Sharpe played his first game since contracting viral meningitis in April and, on Tuesday night, lasted more than an hour in the United reserves during their 2-0 defeat by Chester

Ferguson said that Sharpe will play the A team at the weekend and then the reserves next week. "We want to be

SUNDERLAND intend to be

playing at England's biggest

club football stadium by the beginning of the 1994-5 season. The first division club

has the necessary financial

backing and planning permission to proceed with a £120

million development to the

Second only to Wembley in size, the 48,000-capacity all-

seat ground would be built on a 120-acre site at Washington

which Sunderland have taken

up an option to buy. Located

close to the main A19 road

and the Nissan car plant, the development would incorpo-

rate parking for 12,000 cars

and 2,000 coaches, leisure

facilities, a multi-screen cine-

ma, specialist shops, a hotel

and an exhibition centre.

north of the city.

careful because it's not something you can dismiss lightly." the manager added. "Lee needs games and must be given plenty of work; but we will take it steadily."

"I am not going to rush things," Sharpe said. "A year ago when I was coming back from injury, I think I did too much too soon and broke down. I don't want to make Alex Ferguson, the that kind of mistake again." ☐ Opel, who first backed the Republic of Ireland in 1986. extended of their sponsorship of their World Cup squad yesterday. Aiready committed to around £1 million up to the 1994 finals, Opel will double that amount by backing the team's 1998 campaign.

Maidstone United, the for-

mer fourth division dub, was compulsorily wound up in the High Court yesterday, in spite of late opposition from creditors, who wanted to see the dub's voluntary liquidation

Its development is depen-dent on a referendum among Sunderland supporters before Christmas which will deter-

mine whether they want the club to leave Roker Park, its

Bob Murray, the Sunder-

land chairman, and his board

are confident that the support-

ers will vote to move because

the maximum capacity at a

redeveloped Roker Park

would be only 27.000, involv-

ing a cost of £20 million. While the new complex

would take three years to complete, the playing area could be ready by August

Such a ground would

become favourite to host Euro-

pean championship matches

in the northeast region when

England host the competition in 1996.

home for 94 years.

# Ukrainian on cup target for Russia

1-0 victory over loeland in their World Cup debut yesterday. The solitary goal came from the former Ukrainian international forward, Sergei Yuran, who was playing for Russia because he felt his former side had an uncertain

Yuran picked up a pass in the penalty area in the 64th minute, turned and stabbed the ball home from 12 metres.

Russia dominated the European group five match but were often frustrated by the determined Icelandic defence and the goalkeeper, Birkir

Russia succeeded the Soviet Union in the qualifying competition after the communist superpower collapsed last

☐ Three Burundi players slipped away during a stopover in Paris after their team lost 3-i to Algeria in a World Cup qualifier on Friday. Ed-

John Wood, a Sunderland

director, said that finance did

not pose a problem. "Funding

will be raised entirely from the

private and public sectors,

including money from the EC.

It will not cost the club a

penny," he said. The project would also create 2,000 per-

ing to such a new stadium

have been dashed at the

planning permission stage, but the enthusiasm of Sunder-

land city council for the scheme is highlighted by its

decision to release green-belt

land for the new ground. Providing the referendum result is positive, work is

☐ Johannesburg: Sixteen

homeless children from South

Africa have been invited to

England by John Fashami,

heduled to begin next year.

Many clubs' hopes of mov-

manent jobs.

Sunderland plan move to new ground

the players were hoping to join European clubs.

The brother of one of the players. Jean-Jacques Mbuyiu, plays in the Belgian third division. The three, members of the Burundi club, Vitalo, declined to join teammates for a meal on the pretext that they were not hungry, and then disappeared.

☐ The Ivory Coast attempt to emulate Cameroon in Riyadh today when they play Argenti-na in the semi-final of the Intercontinental Champions' Cup. Cameroon beat the defending champions 1-0 in the opening match of the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

Ivory Coast warmed up for the tournament, which also features Saudi Arabia and the United States, by overwhelming Botswana 6-0 at home on qualifier. Abdoulage Traore scored a hat-trick. (Agencies)

16, who attend a school and

shelter for homeless children.

began training with a profes-

began training with a pronessional coach late last year after attending a football clinic given by Fashanu in Johannesburg.

Fashanu has arranged for them to visit Wimbledon and Crystal Palace next February.

for training and matches against the clubs' junior sides.

land manager, has invited the

youngsters to watch England play San Marino at Wembley

on February 17.
Andre de Villiers, a spokes-

man for one of the boys' sponsors, said: "It's given them something to live for. A few of them show a lot of

talent, and if one or two

should play in a major league,

it will be a bonus." (AFP)

Graham Taylor, the Eng-

# Football show demonstrates finishing touch

The BBC2 football "fanzine". Standing Room Only, finished its first run with a clever idea on Monday evening: it went to Norway for a look around in advance of the World Cup qualifier against England at Wem-bley last night. The television team made a good job of its encounter with the Norwegians and their

Norway, with a popula-tion of about four million. manages to support a full-time professor of football. Norwegian male footballers are not at all ashamed or bothered to be coached by women, take advice from them and watch them to see if there is anything they

Egil Olsen, the professor in question, seemed to me to present the acceptable face of science as applied to sport. He was soft-spoken, though tough. He also ap-peared to have persuaded sportsmen in one discipline to understand what they could learn from those in another: Norwegian foot-ballers have watched and practised with skiers to improve balance and fitness. I wonder when a British team in any sport last did something similar?

verail, as I wrote a few weeks ago, Standing Room Only has been a success and well worth doing again. Among the football supporters of my acquaintance. t is considered compulsory newing. I'm not sure about all its merry quips but generally the script is tight and clear and the waspish one-liners of Stan Hey are much in evidence.

The item on how much our police make per annum from patrolling inside football grounds was a revela-tion to me. Chelsea, for example, have to fork out more than £257,000 every season. Seems a lot.

The best item, however, in Standing Room Only. was the interview with, and clips from, the career of the great Portuguese football-er, Eusebio. What a gentleman. Commentary over some of his greater moments on the pitch noted that he always acknowledged an opponent's skill. almost certain goal frus- allow dogs to wander trated by a great piece of around pubs as they like

help the goalkeeper to his for children.

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feet, shake his hand and pat him on the back, gestures which the crowd and the other team acknowledged as the forward ran back to his place. How different to today. Perhaps if more players on the field recognised and acknowledged the skills of others, there would be less violence on and off the pitch.

The best bit of the interview came when we were shown Eusebio talking to his country's president at the unveiling of a statue of the footballer. The interviewer wondered what the two men had said to each other. "President Soares told me I had a street named after me in Lisbon and now a statue. Two things, he told me, which he never had, even as

cres of rain forests have been cut down to provide the newsprint necessary to print the words written about the obstacle at Wembley which, during the Horse of the Year Show, resulted in the death of a borse.

The event was described as a "tragedy". It was not It is not a tragedy when an word should only apply to human suffering. This is not to belittle the suffering of animals. It is simply to put it in its place.

The argument whether the bank should have been there or not is a waste of time. Before the event, not a single senior rider in the competition seemed unduly bothered by it. The calls for the entire sport to be reassessed following one incident are daft; as daft as they would be if repeated in support of a ban on National Hunt racing because horses, very

occasionally, are killed. stances in Britain when the speed with which what should be human emotions are transferred to animals, as if by right, is alarming. Probably, it comes from the goalkeeping. but at test will have out dark, smelly room reserved

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#### **GYMNASTICS**

#### Pressure mounts to get rid of the boring bits

COMPULSORY exercises could be dropped from the next Olympic Games as a result of pressure from the International Olympic Com-mittee (Peter Aykroyd writes). . Competitors tackle both compulsories and free exercises in the opening team competition. The combined results establish ranking by nation, and finalists for the subsequent individual finals.

The team event has been attacked, not only by the IOC but also by many administrators for not being visually competitive, and for taking up too much space and time because of the large number of gymnasts performing the same routine on pk & of each

Yuri Titov, the president of the Federation Laternationale de Gymnastique, the world governing body said: To survive in the Olympic programme, we must take all criticism very seriously. We will have to find solutions in the very near future."

Behind the move for change is the growing commercial necessity to make the sport more attractive to the public, media and sponsors. The federation is already acting. There were no compulsory routines at the Paris world championships earlier this year, nor will there be any in Birmingham next April.

Supporters of compulsory exercises contend that such 1 routines impose a discipline on each performer which is a vital base for style and creativity in free exercises. John Atkinson, the technical

director of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association, said yesterday: The gymnasts will suffer if too much is given up to audience presentation."

Those concerned with team reform may well study the speciacular knockout team event developed by rhythmic gymnasts, the younger branch the sport. This popular programme, based on collective achievement, generates high enthusiasm in its

#### HOCKEY

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# Wales push for victory

WALES and Scotland must lost to twice recently - in the win their matches today to semi-finals on Saturday. enhance their chances of reaching the final of the Inter-Continental Cup qualifying they manage to, will probably tournament in Olten, Switzer-meet Wales. land, on Sunday (a Special

Correspondent writes). Wales have already qualified for the semi-finals and lead their group on goal difference from Switzerland. For them to retain the position, they must avoid defeat when the teams meet today.

If they do, they would almost certainly keep clear of Belgium — a team they have

Scotland have yet to qualify for the last four but, should

Their final group match is with Denmark, who are propping up the group after two rounds. A repeat of Scotland's form on the opening day, when they beat Italy 4-0. would take them through to the knockout stages as runners-up in their group to

Belgium. MATCHES TODAY: Group A: Scotland v Dermark, Italy v Belgium, Group B: Austria v Caschoslovskia, Wales v Switzerland

#### SPORT IN BRIEF

#### Agassi's stern Paris match

Andre Agassi, the Wimbledon tennis champion, became the ninth of the world's top ten players to commit himself to the £1.25 million Paris Open, which begins on November 2, when he accepted a wild-card entry yesterday.

#### Delta force

Motor rallying: Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, in a Lancia Delta, led his Italian team-mate, Andrea Aghini, by 12 seconds as the San Remo

rally entered the final six spe-cial stages. The Finnish driver took the lead when Aghini spun and wiped out a 33-sec-

#### Boatman sets sail

Golf: Liz Boatman, who captained Britain and Ireland's women amateurs to victory in the Curtis Cup in June, has been reappointed for the defence of the trophy in Chat-tanooga on July 30 and 31,

☐ Ita Butler has been retained as captain for Britain and Ireland's defence of the Vagliano Trophy against the Continent of Europe in France on Sep-

#### tember 17 and 18 next year. Ring of alarm Boxing: An enquiry is to be

held into last week's Welsh super-featherweight title bout in Barry between Steve Robinson and Eddie Lloyd, which was called off just hours before it was scheduled to take place when Robinson's brain-scan was found to be out of date.

# Waddell dies

Football: Willie Waddell, the former Scotland winger, who managed the Rangers side that won the 1972 European Cup Winners' Cup, has died of a heart attack. He was 71.

# SQUASH Le Moignan falls to Irish fightback

#### Lisa Opie and Sue Wright Vancouver: Rebecca O'Callaghan celebrated her bundredth appearance for Ireland with a surprise 1-9, 1-9, 9-4, 10-9, 9-2 first-string win

over Martine Le Moignan, the world No. 2, in the qualifying rounds of the women's world team championship (Colin McQuillan writes). Trailing 2-0 and 4-0 after

15 minutes. O'Callaghan seized on three successive errors from the tall left-handed Channel Islander, playing for England, to turn the rubber around with patient but aggressive rallying.

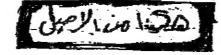
ensured quarter-final qualification with almost routine half-hour wins over Brona Ringland and Jill Mc-Caughey, With Cassandra Jackman also in the England squad, Le Moignan's increasingly despondent performance and failure to capitalise on four match balls in the fourth game may have consigned her to reserve status in the closing stages of England's defence of the title against

New Zealand and Australia "Lisa and Sue played well.

and Martine played very well for two games and a bit," Alex Cowie, the England coach, said. "It certainly complicates my thinking."

O'Callaghan's effort will provide some personal satisfaction from an otherwise unrewarding championship which will almost certainly relegate Ireland to the second division.

With South Africa looking the more likely for fifth place in pool C in their first involvement in the championship. Scotland in pool D may be seventh at best



BBC1

10.00 News, regional news and weather (5231349) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (s) (7586399)

10.30 Good Morning ...with Anne and Nick. Weekday family magazine senes presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s). With News (Ceelax), regional news and weather at 11.00 and

12.15 Pebble Mill. Among Alan Titchmersh's guests is the singer Dionne Warwick (s) (2252888) 12.55 Regional News and weather

(53793660)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Haylon. (Ceefax) Weather (81198)
1.30 Nelghbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80900047) 1.50 Going for Gold General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is Henry Kelly (s) (80904863)
2.15 Film: House of Secrets (1956) starring Michael Craig. Thriller about a merchant seaman who, because of his likeness to a well known criminal, is hired by Interpol to inflitrate a gang of French counterfeiters who are planning to flood Britain with lorged fivers Directed by Guy Green (521399)
3.50 Puppydog Talas. The adventures of four dogs, narrated by Victoria Wood (s) (2349671) 3.55 Noddy. Animation (s) (6782738) 4.10 Star Pets. Peter Simon continues his search for the Star Pet of 1992 (7618028) 4.20 Get Your Own Back. Slepstick carne show (s)

(7618028) 4.20 Get Your Own Back. Slapstick game show (s) (2740863) 4.35 Uncle Jack and the Dark Side of the Moon.

Episode three of the six-part children's cornedy drama. (Ceafax) (5)

5.00 Newsround (8451825) 5.05 Blue Peter. John Leshe tries rally-

cross for the first time. (Ceefax) (s) (4577641)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (815641). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey (Ceelax)

Weather (844) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (196). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark Franklin (7919)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (680)
8.00 As Time Goes By. Romantic cornedy starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6009)

8.30 Waiting For God. Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole star as

9.00 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party

9.05 News with Michael Buerk (Ceelax) Regional news and weathe

9.35 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. Among the cases in which the police would like help from the public are the

murder of 15-year-old Helen Gome, found strangled by wedding

guests on August 1, and a number of attacks, including two rapes

in the Milton Keynes area which the police believe are the work of the same man. (Ceetax) (426931)

Prisoners: Richard Wilson and Annette Croebie (10.20pm)

10,20 One Foot In the Grave. An unusually optimistic Victor (Richard

Margaret (Annette Crosbie) are trapped in the garden shed for more than three hours by a swarm of bees (r). (Ceefax) (237776)

10.50 Question Time presented by Peter Sissons. Facing the questions

12.00 Channel Hopping. Alex Taylor explores job prospects in Frankfurt (74142) 12.30am Weather (6128887)

12.35 Film: Second Chance (1953). Thriller starring Robert Mitchum and Jack Palance, directed by Rudolph Maté (3015697)
 1.55 The Road to the White House. Live coverage of the presidential

candidates' debate (988223). Ends at 3.35

this week are three new MPs - Judith Chaplin (Conservative). Janet Anderson (Labour) and Ltz Lynne (Liberal Democral) — and Sir Bemard Ingham (102134)

Wilson) soon reverts to normal when he and his long-suffe

the aging agitators causing comic havoc in a retirement home.

subject (6114660) 9.45 The Ross King Show. Competitions and challenges game show (6224196)

6.00 Ceefax (68318) 6.30 Breakfast News (27014931)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discuss

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5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The guests are people who have awoken from comas (6123825)
5.55 The Magic Roundabout narrated by Rigge Planer (r) (390283)
6.00 My Two Dads American comedy series (r) (Teleted) (s) (554)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Video game show presented by Dominik Diamond.

Weather (460592)

Britain and the birth of England (2047)

8.30 Rising Damp. Alan (Richard Beckinsale) gets a toe-hold in high society Unfortunately Rigsby (Leonard Rossitter) wants to join him



Persecuted by the white man: native Maya Indians (9.00om)

9.00 Critical Eye: Winds of Memory.
CHOICE: An unsetting report from the central American state of Guatemala offers a tragic update on the 500-year conflict between the native Maya Indians and their Spanish conquerors. Matters came to a head in December 1990 when soldiers from the Guatemalan army entered a Mayan village and opened fire, killing and wounding many others. This outrage, perpetuated on the excuse that the villagers were helping armed guerillas, followed the "pacification campaign" of the early 1980s, in which 20,000 peasants were killed and 250 villages burned. The film shows how the white man's determination to impose his political power has also become an attempt to destroy the Mayans at their cultural roots. Unsurpnsingly, the Mayans are not turrung out to celebrate

dead as he leaves a country club. The murderer then kills himself family in his stories (s) (963318)

1.15 Film: Murder by Contract (1958, b/w) staming Vince Edwards. Cult crime thaller about a professional bit-man hired to kill a witness who is under police projection. Directed by Irving Lemer (7322351)

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5.00 Cartoons (39318) 7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s)

(2094)
9.36 Schools (990028)
12.00 Flight Over Spain. Guadalajara from the air (r) (Teletext) (95738)
12.30 Sesame Street Entenaining early-learning series (34370)
1.30 Take 5 Programmes for the young (46950)
2.00 Check Out 92 The consumer affairs programme examines the big-

business world of Britain's charties (r) (s) (73279991)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2 35, 3 05, 3,40 and 4 10 races (83457195)

4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz

The guest is Wimbledon footballer Vinny Jones, who plays a game

called Soccer Brawl (134)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teleted) 7.50 Comment (646554)

8.00 Down To Earth. The last in the senes explores the Roman Empire in

With Frances de la Tour and Don Wamngton (r). (Teletevi) (1554)



the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus (Teletext) (s) (8931) 10.00 Film: The Heart of Justice (1992)

 CHOICE. A polished thriller by the American playwright Keith Reddin state Dennis Hopper as a best-selling novelist who is shot leaving a star New York journalist (Enc Stolts) to piece the story together and land himself in unexpectedly murky waters. Made under the benner of *The Whiter's Cinema*, the film was the result of a sympathetic collaboration between Reddin and the director, Bruno. Sarreto. Jennifer Connolly (as the killer's mysterious sister), Vincent Price and Bradford Dillman also feature in a strong cast Reddin's screenplay draws on a real case from the beginning of the century about a writer who was murdered for allegedly featuring the killer's 11.40 Set Of Six Comedy series starring Rowland Rivron (r) (s) (567592)

12.15am Dispatches An investigation into the international diamond business (r) (546055)

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#### VARIATIONS

11.50 Crimewatch UK Update (225554)

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10.90 Minage (1991): The driver of a black

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9.25 Keynotes Music quiz hosted by Alistan Divall (s) (1968757) 9.55

10.55 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. With national and international news at 10.55 and

regonal news at 11.55 followed by national weather (2123776)
12.10 The Riddlers Puppets (n (7032080)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nichotas Owen and Sonia Ruseier. (Oracle)
Weather (6730047) 1.05 Thames News (42500680)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama senia (Oracle) (199888)
1.45 A Country Practice Medical drama set in the Australian outback (ep. 199889)

(s) (549329)

2.15 TV Weekly Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ffV and Channel 4 programmes. Barry Took delives into the archives

2.45 Take the High Road Highlands-based drama senal (6594912) 3.10 FTN News baadines (8393047) 3.15 Thames News beadines (8392318) 3.20 GP Australian medical drama set in and around a

suburban surgery (4985282)

3.50 Children's TTV: The Ratties Animation (n. 18729329) 3.55

Captain Zed and the Zee Zone The Inst of a new series of animated adventures (6044028) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club Rolf

5.10 Who's the Boss? American cornectly series, starring Tony Danza

5.40 Early Evening News with Carol Barnes (Oracle) Weather (763252) 5.55 Tharnes Help (1 (392641) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Oracle) (912) 6.30 Tharnes News (592)

7.30 Jimmy's More dramas concerning the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital, Leecs (s) (776)

New at Sun Hill: Lisa Geoghan as WPC Polly Page (8.00om

8.00 The Bill: Splt and Polish. PCs Loxion and Cooper arrest a mar

who is driving a stolen saloon only to discover that he is guilty of a much more senous crime. Starring Tom Butcher, Andrew Paul and a new face in the cast, Lisa Geoghan (Oracle) (4405)

8.30 This Week: The Enemy Within. A timely investigation into how the IRA is operating on the British mainland. With reports from London. Beliast and Dublin on the IRA organisers who are orchestrating an increasing designating company. (Credits) (3032)

sold and the first organises who are orderestating an increasingly disruptive campaign (Oracle) (3912)
 9.00 Taggart: Ring of Decelt. Episode two of the three-part thriller starting Mark McManus as the dour Glaswegian detective investigating the murder of a scientist. (Oracle) (7689)
 10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative party (360738)
 10.05 News with Trevor McDonald and Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (226680) 10.35 Thames News (921931)

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10.45 01. This week's featured film is *Thunderheart*, the play is *Fladio Times* which will be reviewed by Leslie Phillips (s) (622573)

11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian women-behind-bars drama

12.10am Science Fiction: Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the

Lynn Harrell perform Opus 9 No 2 in D major (s) (4603332)

1.10 Film: Crash! (1976) starting Sue Lyon and José Ferrer. An unbelievable mixture of occult and car chase with a jealous invalid.

mayhem of her own. Directed by Charles Band (123581)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (77239). Ends at 6.00

3.00 Kojak New York police drama series stamng Telly Savalas (r) (83055) 4.00 Motor Sport Special. Action from Thruston and Pembrey and the British Hillclimb championship (48993)

Missing Link. The legendary detective investigates the Pittown Man hoax. Starting Reece Dinsdale (1679581)

Beethoven String Trios. Itzhek Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman and

husband trying to kill his wife, who uses demonic devices to cause

7.00 Emmerdate Soap set in the Yorkshire Dates (Oracle) (5757)

Hams introduces new and classic cartoon clips (8824973) 4.50 Art.

Attack Art programme for children presented by Neil Buchanan

Thames News (7595047)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion (1336991)

6.00 TV-am (6976738)

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News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm 6.00pm World Service Newshour 6.30 Denny

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Joanne Woodward plays a schoophrenic 2.15 Inspector Clouseau (1968): Alan Arkin stars as the bumbling detective (625486) 4.15 Las Vegas Hillbillys (as 8 15anu

(714202) 8.15 The Emperor's New Clothes (1987)

adventures (581738)
12.05am Cold Dog Soup (1990) A man altempts to bury a dog (753210)
1.40 Triumph of the Spirit (1989) Willem Dafoe plays an Austhmiz boxer (292210)
1.40 Beverty Hills Brats (1989) A nch kid engineers his own lodkapping (810069) Ends at 5.15 SKY SPORTS

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CLASSIC FM

6,00m. Nick Basiey 9,00 Henry Nally 12,00 Susannah Smons with music and conversation 2,00pm Lunchtone Concern Tchairovsky (Moin Concert in Di. Listi (Apres une lecture du Danier 3,00 Petros Tretariny 8,00 Classic Reports, Margaret Howard's guids is Damon Lanca, son of Mano 7,00 Classic Travel Guids 8,00 Classic FM Concert Montreal SO under Charles Durou, including Sant-Saens (Organ Symphony) 10,00 Adren Love 1,00-6,00mm Robert Booth

#### RADIO 3

7.00 On Air Andrew Lyle with music, news and weather including Wiren (Serenade Stockholm Sinfoniett. Esa-Pekka Salonen): Sinfonietta unde Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor Andre Navarra Czech PO under Karel Ancerl) 9.00 Composer of the Week: Herbert Howells. Requiem

Herbert Howells. Hequient (Corydon Singers under Matthew Best), Concerto for String Orchestra, 1938 (Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Vernori Handley): Like as the Hart (Chor of St Paul's Cathedral under Jehn Scott with under John Scott, with Christopher Dearnley, organ) 10.00 Secred and Profane: Berlioz Sacred and Profane: Berlioz (Overture, Benveruto Cellini: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davist: Liszt (Deux Légendes: Yonly Solomon, piano). Pieme (Paysages franciscains Loire PO under Pierre Dervaux). Verdit (Quil dove piu s'apire Giovarna d'Arco LSO under Lames Leave, with under James Levine, with Montserrat Cabalié, soprano); Sorabji (St Bertrand de

Comminges. He was laughing in the tower Yonty Solomon, piano), Berlioz (Herold in Italy: Boston Symphony Orchestra under Serge Koussevitzky. nth William Premose, viola) 12.00 Beethoven and Bartok Quartets Endelion Quartet performs Bartok (Quartet No 3): Beethoven (Quartet in F.

Op 18 No 1i (r) 1.00pm News 2.05 Cristoforo Colombo Hungarian Radio Chorus, Frankfurt RSO under Marcello Violti perform Alberto Franchetti's opera, written for the Columbus anniversary in 1892 With Renato Bruson. bantone, in the title role. Roberto Scandiuzzi, bass, as Don Roldano Ymenes, and sella Flagatzu, soprano, as 4.05 Music for Clarinet and Piano Linda Memck and

Benjamin Frith play Stanford (Three Internazzi, Op 13): Witred Josephs (Sonata No 2, Op 149), Stanford (Sonata, Op 5.00 in Tune. Peler Paul Nach talks

7.30 Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square under John Lubbock performs Tippett (Little music for string orchestra): Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A. K 622: Emma Johnson), 8.15 Colette and Music, Richard Langham Smith on French musical Me. 8.35 Diana Burrell (Das Meer. das so gross und weit ist); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B

9.30 Four Stories by Gabriel Garcia Marquez: The Handsomest Drowned Man in the World, David Horovich reads the last story

9.50 Ute Lemper Sings songs
from Paris, Berlin and New

10.15 Pop Goes the Jazz Star
• CHOICE: Net "King" Cole is
the third portrait in Mel Hill's gallery of jezz artists who changed horses in mid-stream and made a fortune. In Cote's and made a fortune. In Cote's case, the transition was from an exceptional jazz pianist who modelled himself on his dol Earl Hines (Hill's illustrations include the Cole trio's "What is This Thing Called Love", from the early 1940s) to the smooth, instantly identifiable vocalist of "I Love You for Sentimental Reasons" that sold a million copies in 1946, and the 1961 htt. "Let There be Love" with Snearing replacing Cole at the hat "Let There be Love" with Shearing replacing Cole at the Leyboard (r)

10.45 Night Waves. Roy Porter discusses T.S. Eliot's poem "The Waste Land"

"The Waste Land"

11.30 Wolf's Goethe Lleder.
Gordon Stewart presents the last of three programmes including all 51 of the settings of Goethe texts composed by Hugo Wolf in 1888 and 1889 Fettery Lott, soprano. Olaf Bår, Thomas Hampson and Andreas Schmidt, bentones. Geoffrey Parsons, piano, perform Prometheus; Konglich Gebet; Beherzigung: perform Promemeus; Koniguen Gebet; Beherzigung; Genialisch Treiben; Frech und Iroh, 1 and 11; Der Schäfter; Die Spräde; Die Bekehnte; Garymed, Blumengruss; Gleich und gleich; Frühiling übers Jahr; Anakreons Grab, Dank des Paria. Grenzen der Menschheit 12.30am News

1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55cm Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day with Father Detniol 6.30 Today, incl 8.20, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.43 Waugh on Five Fronts: Letters

9.05 Face the recust donn water investigates (r)
9.30 Opinion: Defending the Ark. Gerald Durrell defends zoos which, he believes, protect animals from humans
10.00-10.30am News; Raf Flace (FM only): The final part of the

(FM only): The mai part of the story by Dick Francis (s) (r) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only) 10.15 The Hindu Scriptume (LW only): The Boy Who Wanted to be Emperor 10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the theate director Phylinda Lloyd. Incl. 11.00 News

brother in the Gull war. His

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the

RADIO 4

to Nancy Mitford (4/5) 8.56 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite

incl 11.00 News 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 You and Yours, with John

12.25pm Trivia Test Match: Bren Johnston umpres another test of wit and general knowledge from Chipperfield Cricket Club in Herithorishire (s) 12.55 1.00 The World at One, with

James Naughtie

1.40 The Archers (s) (i) 1.55
Shipping Forecast

2.60 News; The Ridge, by Roy
MacGregor Andy (Jonathan
Firth) tries to come to terms
with the death of his soldier
boother in the Culti wer. His.

brother in the Gull wer. His pacifist convictions are shared by homeless Kathy (Adie Allen), who finds refuge in his mother's house 3.00 Bus Stop: Jerni Mills and Nick Baker meet the locals and hear their stones as they travel around Britain 4.00 News best of the 33 premieres and nine international companies on offer at Notlingham's contemporary performance

BBC2

8.15 Past and Present Preserved. A visit to the Zuiderzee Museum in the Neitherlands (r) (4243912) 8.30 A Summer Journey: The Kennet and Avon Canal. Angela Rippon is at Bradford-on-Avon's once-a-year canal bost parade (r) (99554)

9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (\$1934028) 2.05 You and Me (r) (32036047)
2.16 International Golf. The Alfred Dunhill Cup from St Andrews England, Scotland, Australia and the United States are among the

5.00 From the Edge. Bi-monthly topical magazine with reports on the

aris, political and news scenes from disabled reporters (8467)

5.30 Food and Drink Special: A Cook's Tour of Central Europe.
Antonio Carluccio in Hungary and Czechosłovalia (1) (3) (573)

6.00 Film: The Million Pound Note (1954) sarring Gregory Peck,
Ponald Squire and Joyce Grenfell. Comedy, an up-dating of the

month without spending it. Directed by Ronald Neame (67689)
7.30 First Sight: In the Unlikely Event . . . Michael Delahaye reports on the safety of the Channel Tunnel through which, this time next year.

8.00 A Cook's Tour of France. Mireille Johnston samples food from

Britanny. (Ceefax) (s) (7979) 8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson tests the new Rover 800 coupé and

Chris Golfey goes racing at Brands Hatch in a VW Beetle (6486)

9.00 Bottom. Smutty comedy series written by and staming Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall. (Ceelax) (s) (1912)

On the evangelical roadshow: Chalke and Pethers (9.30pm

CHOICE: Steve Chalke and Dennis Pethers are energetic young Baptist ministers who run the Oasis Trust, an evangelical mission to

Baptist ministers who run the Oasis Trust, an evangelical mission to spread the word of God to young people. Starting from the premise that Christianity is often seen as stuffy and boring, they try to put across the message in a language their youthful audiences can understand. This means guitars and pop videos and sermonettes built around such popular icons as Manlyn Monroe and Elvis Presley. Peter Gordon's film follows Chalke and Pethers as they take their roadshow, including a £20,000 video well, to seek converts in Skegness, Sunderland and Solihull. Their enthusiasm is underliable and their following is impressive. But parhaps unfairly, since we hear that the Cosis Trust works among the homeless, the film pleas the impression of a movement wrapped up in its own.

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ent Imperfect: Don't Mess With God.

world and detached from the real one (s) (29399)

11.20 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (284592)

10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative party (295028) 10.35 Newsnight with Jeremy Pauman (344283)

11.55 Later With Jools Holland. The guests are k.d. lang, Dwight Yoakam, Loudon Wainwright III and the Rockingbirds (s)

12.35em Weether (6045500). Ends at 12.40 3.00 BBC Select: Royal College of Nursing Update (69429). Ends at

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Mark Twain novel about a penniless American in London who is given a million-pound note on condition that he lives on it for a

perhaps, thousands of motorsis will be travelling. Northern Ireland: Houte 92; Wales: Dad's Army; East: Matter of Fact: Midlands Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west. Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west. Close Up, West. Close Up

16 teams competing in this round robin competition. The winners of the lour groups go through to the semi-linels on Sunday morning includes News (Ceelax), regional news and weather at 3.00 and

8.00 Breakfast News (4260689)

4.46 Short Story Looking for Dorothy, by John Ward Read by Judith Barker 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.55 Weather 5.45 A Party Political Broadcast 5.45 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative party 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Lichel Nimrod's Inexplicab World: A New Age comedy senes on life's mystenes. Starring Richard Hering, Stewart Lee, Rebecca Front.

Armando lannucci and the voice of Tom Baker (s) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Relative Values: The Glaziers
© CHOICE. It would require a paragraph twice as long as this to list all the traumas suffered by the Glaziers of Slevenage, Hertlordshire, a Michael O'Donnell and his

team of family-walchers have done amazingly well to synthesize them into 40 minutes of radio time. A brutally inadequate summary of the Glazzers' woes would have to give pole position to Fay, the adopted daughter. She was the epicentre of the earthquakes that shook the lives of Mick and Val Glacier

and their two leenage sons Robert and Stephen to their very foundations 8.00 Analysis: Not Playing in Peona. Godfrey Hodgson mines politics in the United 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For

deabled listeners
9.15 (Kaleidoscope (S) (r)
9.45 The Financial World
Tonight, with Sam Jalia (s)
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: O Caledonal Written by Elspeth Barker and read by Hannah

Gordon (2/8)

11.00 Lord Edgware Dies: Agatha Christie's novel, dramaised by Michael Bakewell (4/5) (s) (r)

11.00 The Honleytonk Main. Francis Willord-Smith ands his senes with the blues pranist Big Maceo (s) (r)

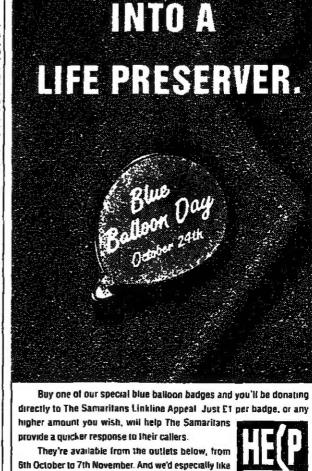
12.00-12.43am Nawa, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only) Gordon (2/8)

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11.30 Cover-Up (1991) Dolph Lundgren
uncovers a CIA plot (893370)
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4.10 The Package (1988) Gene Hackman
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esports middle (1988) et Jeen Jones. escorts military prisone (506887) Ends at 6.00 SKY MOVIES GOLD 6.15pm Chiffy Scenes of Winter (1979) John Heard tree to win back gridnend Mary Beth Hun (63140486) 8.00 Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday

(1976) Western cornecty (83467) 10.00 Hallowsen If (1981); The lotter staffs Jame Lee Curis (79486) Ends at 11.30

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**THURSDAY OCTOBER 15 1992** 

Yorath's side earns World Cup points

# Hughes hits mark to help Wales overcome Cyprus

FROM KETTA PIKE IN LIMASSOL

WALES survived a testing served, victory in a World Cup group four qualifying match

Cyprus, who had won their last three games, had promised to provide a test, and for half an hour they theatened to do more than that. But Wales regrouped before half-time and, in the end, were comfortably the better side. Thankfully, the game was incident

Rush, who needed to add one goal to his tally of 23 to become Wales's all-time leading scorer. Instead, it was Mark Hughes who scored the goal which takes Terry Yorath's side into third place

Hughes, 28, could not have chosen a better moment to end his international drought. The last scored for Wales two years ago this Saturday, a span of 14 games, and, with only two goals in 25 matches under Yorath, might have thought his place was in jeopardy.

Wales's fears were soon realised as a combination of a tufty, difficult surface, oppressive heat and a Cyprus team playing with confidence and skill made life distinctly uncomfortable for them early on.Some of their problems, though, were self-inflicted.

Less than a minute had gone when Blackmore gave

his own area, allowing Papanot taken most of the pace off it with a timely challenge.

penalty spot, but the pressure

Wales conceded a disturbing

number of free kicks, and the

referee's patience was finally stretched on the half-hour,

booking Young for a foul on

Charalambous soon fot-

lowed for a late challenge on Rush, and Cyprus nearly paid

a double penalty. After receiving treatment, Rush jogged

into position 25 yards out, and

Christophi, diving to his right, clutched under the bar.

It was Wales's first attack of

note, but it seemed to give

end, only the thickness of a

free on the right by Rush in

for the Cyprus goalkeeper to

The interval did nothing to

shake Wales's new-found superiority, and within six min-

utes of the restart they had

A precise build-up down the

right flank, twice involving

Hughes, ended with Wales

winning their first corner of

the match, on their right.

Although Cyprus were find-ing it difficult to shake free of their markers, they twice came within inches of equalising in

curled his shot a whisker wide.

Wales again held their breath

when Costa, from 20 yards,

Thirteen minutes later,

the next 20 minutes.

scored the decisive goal.

Papavasilou, one of only two full-time professionals in the Cyprus side, continued to carry their main threat, mostly down the left touchline, where his control, pace and vision embarrassed defenders on several occasions. Fortunately for Wales, his colleagues were as unable to read his intentions

Most of the Cyprus attacks were measured, but Wales were nearly undone again when Pittas surprised them with a superb 50-yard crossfield pass. Savvides tried to finish with a similar flourish, but his attempt at a volley

Phillips, left-footed, curled the ball towards the penalty spot, and Hughes outjumped his marker to head powerfully down, bouncing over a lunging defender on the line.

Strike force: Hughes ended his international goal drought in timely fashion last night Papavasiliou, whose influence had waned, rediscovered hammered a skidding shot his inspiration to put Savvides clear of a spreadesgled Wales defence in the 57th minute. goalwards. The ball appeared to take a deflection and Sou-Southall, horribly exposed, sprinted from his line but thall, diving to his left, stuck out a leg to deflect it for a could only watch as Savvides

As a spirited Cyprus side pushed more men forward, Wales twice nearly caught them on the break, Speed and Rush both failing to convert difficult headed chances. But Wales had one last moment of anguish. With virtually the last kick of the match. Savvides curled in a corner from the left, and the ball flew just wide of the far post without anybody making contact.

CYPRUS: M Christofi (Apolion); C Costs

(Accel), P Pitter (Accilori), C Constantinou (Cmonis), F Nikolsou (Pezoportice), Y Ylangoudelde (Apollori), D toernou (Apollori), M Chemiembous (Apollori), A Sociatou (Apollori), N Paperesillou (CR, Grace), G Sevides (Cmonis), WALES: N Southell (Eventonis), D Philips (Novich City), M Bowen (Novich City), K Symons (Portemouth), E Young (Crystal Palicot), C Blackmons (Manchester United), B Horne (Eventon), D Seunders (Asion Villa), (Fall (Herpoot), M Hughes (Manchester (Inited), G Speed (Ledds United).

# Pittsburgh go on run spree to level series the National League pen-nant last season, the Bowes prevailing in a seventh game before taking part in one of the most memorable World. Twiss won in the tenth inning of the seventh game. Pittsburgh, in their third ries, have battled back from a 3-1 deficit. The deciding game was in Atlanta this inning spree with four runs in the lifth inning and another in the stall to give

Tim Wakefield, their has

Tom Glavine, the Atlanta starter, was the losing pitch-er. He gave up the eight runs in the second inning, the most surrendered by a pitcher in a post-season game. The previous record was seven by Jerry Reuss, of the Los Angeles Dedgers, in

son home run in hi 62nd play off at bar and Jay Bell hummered a fuce run home run in the equisite second imming. Bonds also

inning off the reliever. Marvin Freeman. McClenden, who also had two hits in the second inning, has hit safely in his last five appear at the plate, tying a play-off record held by eight others. Pittsburgh are bidding to become the first team to

has lost all four of his playoff starts against the Pirate single. Don Slaught knocked both of them home with a double to coube field. Slaught also came home on

bases, on two home runs, gles, broke the former mark of 11 set by the San Francisco Giants against the Pi-

Redus's double gave Pittsburgh a series mark of 15 two-base kits. The 22 docbles for both teams is also a

lanta-2-0 in this series and 40 in four play off starts -

one of those nights when I didn't know when to take him out. With all the runs, it took things off my back.

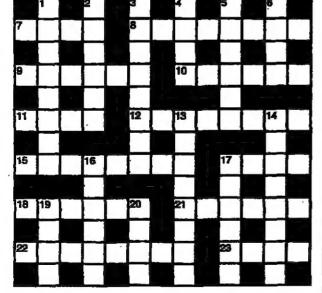
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"We needed to win this one," he added. "We were in an oxygen tent the last three

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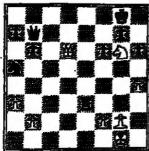
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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a possible variation from Speelman — Levitt, Lloyds Bank 1992. White can, of course, simply recapture the black rook, but Can you spot it?



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# Youngsters in record stand

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TWO Australian teenagers are claiming a world record for a partnership of 446 runs match played in Queensland

Matthew Mott (208) and Andrew Symonds (220) retired after scoring the runs for the first wicket in only 36 overs, playing for the Gold Coast in a Queensland Cricket Association colts match against Souths

Gold Coast's final score was 585 for three off 50 overs, a remarkable run-rate of 11.70 an over. The demoralised Souths could manage only 157 for four in reply.
One of Australia's leading cricket statisticians, Charlie

higher partnership in any limited-overs competition. "It's astounding, particularly as they made the score in so few overs," Wat said yesterday. Symonds, 17, faced only 99 balls and hit 27 fours and 14 sixes, while Mott, 19, the captain, faced 117 balls, hit-

ting 20 fours and 14 sixes. Alan McGillivray, the club president, said the pair had retired to let other players have a bat. "It's not something new to these guys, their record is outstanding," he said. Both are members of the Queens-

and development squad.

The previous highest partnership recorded in a senior one-day competition was 303 for the third wicket in a match

African African XI in 1975-6. Graeme Pollock holds the record for the highest individual limited-overs score, 222 not out for Eastern Province in 1974-5; the highest team total is Somerset's 413 for four

against Devon in the 1990 NatWest Trophy. □ Two former Test players, Dennis Lillee and Bruce Yardley, have been brought of retirement to play for the Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI against the West Indians in the opening match of their tour at Caversham, Western Australia on November 2.

☐ The Indian party arrived in Harare yesterday for Zimba-

# Rematch that trips over the facts

the two women whose momentary tangle of feet caused the incident of the Games at

the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 are talking again. Mary Slaney and Zola Pieterse met in Sydney yesterday, where they were inter-viewed together on television for the first time since the clash in the Coliseum eight years ago, when the then Decker was decked in the final of the 3,000 metres by the teenaged South African who was running in a British vest.

Both women are in Australia to take part in the Diet Coke Mile Race through Sydney tomorrow, promoted as a remarch of the infamous Olympic final. In reality, it is unlikely to be more than a sad

IT HAD to happen sometime: have already had a rematch in London in 1985, when the then Budd was paid £90,000 despite only finishing fourth. And neither is any longer considered to be among the world's best Slaney, now 34,



did not make the United States team for this year's Olympics, while Picterse, 26, now returned to South Africa, could not qualify for the 3,000 metres final Barcelona Nonetheless.

organisers have had the two women attend a series of events and photo-calls, and enter the television studios. Slaney, the double world champion of 1983, obviously has not forgotten, or forgiven,

the incident that robbed her of her chance of Olympic gold. "If you look at the footage you can tell that someone's at fault ... but I don't hold her responsible in the fact that I ran the race the way I did. I put myself in that position." Picterse, clearly uneasy, said she didn't wish to discuss the incident. "It's really some-thing that is in the past."

#### **Imprudent** advert helps club

ball club mocked in a television advertisement, yesterday won a lucrative off-thepitch victory over the Prudential insurance company. The firm is to sponsor Stenhousemur's league game against Arbroath on Saturday to the tune of £500, plus £50 for each goal scored.

In the commercial, a pools punter, checking the day's results against his coupon, realises he is not going to win a fortune. The last result is Stenhousemuir 1, Arbroath 7
— to the distress of the small but loyal Stenhousemuir supporters club in Gloucestershire, who regularly travel to Scotland to swell the average crowd of 400.

Steve Mynett, of Ebley, near Stroud, wrote to the Prudential asking it to atone by sponsoring a match ball. The company replied that it only sponsored the arts. Enter Denis Canavan, Lab-

our MP for Falkirk West and a loyal Stenhousemuir follower, who took up the supporters cause. As the debate grew, Stenhousemuir complicated matters by trouncing East Stirling 7-3 on Saturday. Yesrerday, the company bowed to market forces and and announced the sponsorship.

"Arbroath also feel hard done by - they haven't won a game since the advertisement went on air. They think it jinxed them," the Prudential's marketing director, Raoul Pinnell, said. "When we realised Stenhousemuit were playing Arbroath on Saturday, we decided to do the decent



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